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- The San Francisco Examiner reports that a panel investigating a fatal pipeline explosion that killed 8 people in San Bruno, California, issued a report that blasted Pacific Gas & Electric Corp. and the California Public Utilities Commission for their lack of focus on safety. (See item [5](#))
- According to Reuters, Spanish police arrested three suspected members of the “Anonymous” group on charges of cyber-attacks against targets including Sony’s PlayStation network, governments, businesses, and banks. (See item [45](#))

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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 10, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **Federal inspectors close coal mine after miner dies in accident.** Federal inspectors have closed the West Elk coal mine near Somerset, Colorado, after a 53-year-old man died from a fall. The U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration said the victim was a contract construction worker. The federal agency said the worker fell from a catwalk platform and struck a beam. He was taken to Delta County Memorial Hospital where he died. The Grand Junction Daily

Sentinel said an official who was conducting an inspection in another part of the coal mine at the time issued an order to close the mine.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/5c8a446b58ca4b84a4021e665ee761f5/CO--Mine-Closed/>

2. *June 10, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Sections of Detroit remain without power Friday.** City crews worked all night to restore power to parts of Detroit, Michigan, June 10 after days of 90-degree heat caused aging transformer lines to fail, shutting down electricity to municipal and court offices, a convention center, university campus, and traffic signals. Officials ordered city hall, and several other public buildings to remain closed June 10, and city and county employees at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center were told not to report to work. Three of the five transformer lines at the aging Mistersky power plant in the city's southwest, which provides power to downtown and other parts of Detroit, began to overload and shut down June 9. The outage did not affect most residential power customers because the municipal system largely serves public buildings. The plant is owned and operated by the city. City officials had been monitoring the high power output from the transformer lines and on June 9, asked users to limit the amount of electricity they were using, especially for air conditioning, the chief operating officer said.

Source:

http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gY1di_QFoWq3dxQkGcj2bncu4aZw?docId=720b2587dd2b4ac5b2769953904fea74

3. *June 10, Parsippany Daily Record* – (New Jersey) **Underground fire in Morristown shuts South Street.** An equipment failure in an underground electrical vault caused an electrical fire that knocked out power to area businesses and forced the closure of South Street June 9 in Morristown, New Jersey, a Jersey Central Power & Light (JCP&L) spokesman said June 9. The outage affected 1,700 JCP&L customers, many in the area of James Street and Overlook Road, a utility spokesman said. Heavy black smoke billowed out about 4:30 p.m. from the sidewalk outside Walgreens on South Street, across from town hall. Several local businesses were evacuated, including Kings and Walgreens, and power was cut to the Blair House apartment complex. South Street was closed between James Street and Hamilton Road. A portion of Morristown Medical Center lost power, and the hospital's backup generators were immediately activated.

Source:

<http://www.dailyrecord.com/article/20110609/NJNEWS10/306090007/Underground-electrical-fire-prompts-evacuation-of-Morristown-businesses>

4. *June 9, Colorado Springs Gazette* – (Colorado) **3 Utilities workers arrested in theft of city equipment.** Three Colorado Springs Utilities employees have been arrested in connection with the theft of equipment from a Utilities storage facility, Colorado Springs, Colorado police reported June 9. Copper wire was missing from the facility, but the men have been linked only to stolen equipment, a Utilities spokesman said. The three were arrested on suspicion of felony theft, and accessory to felony theft. They are being held in the El Paso County jail. All three men are longtime Utilities workers who

maintained a pipeline used in the city's natural gas distribution system. The three were arrested around 9 a.m. after an anonymous tip led investigators to a home where they found equipment stolen from the Utilities storage facility. Police said they found a portable generator, two winches, a storage box, and two truck brush guards belonging to Colorado Springs Utilities in an outbuilding.

Source: <http://www.gazette.com/articles/arrested-119520-utilities-copper.html>

5. *June 9, San Francisco Examiner* – (California) **San Bruno explosion report blasts PG&E, CPUC.** Both Pacific Gas & Electric Corp. (PG&E) and its regulator have had a longstanding culture of simply checking off boxes, rather than deeply considering the safety of their system, according a blistering report released June 9 by an independent panel. The independent panel was assembled last fall by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to assess the factors that contributed to the explosion of a PG&E gas pipeline in San Bruno, California last September, which took the lives of eight people and destroyed dozens of homes. On June 9, that panel unveiled the results of its months-long investigation. The panel found that both PG&E and CPUC have had a culture more attuned to simply complying with federal code than focusing on the safety of their system. There was a failure at both PG&E and CPUC to adequately learn from mistakes or problems discovered internally and elsewhere in the industry. Major problems existed with the quality and availability of records about pipeline safety. At PG&E, there was a focus on the occupational safety of employees, but no similar focus on pipeline safety. There was a lack of technical understanding among the management at PG&E. People low on the totem pole at CPUC discovered problems at PG&E, but their concerns were never seriously considered by the people at the top of the agency. Finally, the CPUC is understaffed, and the staff it has is undertrained. Shortly after the report came out, PG&E issued a statement calling it “thoughtful” and saying they are moving quickly to adopt its recommendations. Their statement also took full responsibility for the explosion.

Source: <http://www.sfexaminer.com/local/peninsula/2011/06/san-bruno-explosion-report-blast-pge-cpuc>

6. *June 9, New York Times* – (National) **This week's solar flare illuminates the grid's vulnerability.** A massive burst of solar wind that erupted from the sun June 7 is expected to deliver only a “glancing blow” to the Earth's vulnerable magnetic field, NASA officials said June 8. But it will preview what some experts call a potentially existential threat to the power grids of the United States and other nations, and the populations that depend on them. A spokeswoman, who leads NASA's “Solar Shield” satellite-based detection system at the Goddard Space Flight Center, said the cloud of ionized particles from the June 7 violent “coronal mass ejection” will largely miss Earth, giving some North American residents a glimpse of the aurora borealis, or northern lights, the weekend of June 11 and 12. The next peak cycle of sunspot activity is predicted for 2012-2014, bringing with it a greater risk of large geomagnetic storms that can generate powerful rogue currents in transmission lines, potentially damaging or destroying the large transformers that manage power flow over high-voltage networks. “Geomagnetically-induced currents on system infrastructure have the potential to result in widespread tripping of key transmission lines and irreversible physical damage to

large transformers,” a 2009 report by the North American Electric Reliability Corp and the Energy Department said.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/cwire/2011/06/09/09climatewire-this-weeks-solar-flare-illuminates-the-grids-63979.html>

7. *June 9, Chicago Sun-Times* – (Illinois) **Heavy overnight rain leaves 63,000 ComEd customers without power.** More than 63,000 ComEd customers were without power following overnight storms that dropped as much as 5 inches of rain, and continued to delay area transit June 9. A flash flood warning that was in place for much of the Chicago, Illinois area expired early June 9, though six viaducts on the Far South Side have flooded, and manhole covers have burst, according to authorities. As of 11 a.m., system-wide, there were 63,753 customers without electricity, according to a ComEd spokeswoman. More than 300 crews were working on storm-restoration efforts.
Source: <http://www.suntimes.com/5862071-417/heavy-overnight-rain-leaves-63000-comed-customers-without-power.html>

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Chemical Industry Sector

8. *June 9, Jackson County Sheriff's Office* – (Wisconsin) **Semi carrying sulfuric acid crashes in Jackson County.** On June 8, shortly before 4 p.m., the Jackson County Sheriff's Office Emergency Dispatch Center in Wisconsin, received a report of a semi unit that crashed on State Hwy. 121 near NW Burnette Rd. in the Town of Garden Valley in Jackson County. The truck was hauling shipping containers of sulfuric acid and caustic soda and there was a reported leak in at least one of the sulfuric acid containers. Units from the Alma Center Fire Department, Alma Center 1st Responders, Black River Falls Fire Department & EMS, Jackson County Sheriff's Office, and Wisconsin State Patrol responded along with the Jackson County Level B Hazmat team. The Regional Level A Hazmat Team from Eau Claire also responded. State Highway 121 was closed to traffic until about 1:40 a.m. June 9, until initial clean up and removal of the semi unit involved could take place.
Source: <http://www.wqow.com/Global/story.asp?S=14876119>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

9. *June 9, Associated Press* – (Arkansas) **Complaint: Guards asleep at Ark. Nuclear One plant.** Arkansas Nuclear One is investigating allegations that guards were sleeping while on duty at the Russellville, Arkansas, power plant and a complaint has been filed with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), a spokeswoman for the plant

confirmed June 9. She confirmed the complaint alleges four guards were inattentive while on duty, and said she had seen at least two photos depicting one person with his eyes closed and another with a hat pulled over his face. The plant is operated by Entergy. Two of the four guards involved in the NRC complaint, which was first reported by The Courier in Russellville, have been placed on administrative leave, the plant's spokeswoman said. Another resigned in late 2010, and the fourth was fired in January 2011, though it was not known if the firing was related to the allegations. Plant guards typically work 12-hour shifts and must rest for at least 10 hours before returning to work, she said. They are expected to average 3 days a week off over a 6-week period. Employees who feel too fatigued to work are required to tell their supervisors and go home.

Source: <http://www.stamfordadvocate.com/news/article/Complaint-Guards-asleep-at-Ark-Nuclear-One-plant-1417937.php>

10. *June 9, Associated Press* – (Alabama) **Tennessee Valley Authority appeals serious violation issued against Alabama nuclear plant.** The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) has appealed a serious violation federal regulators leveled against the Browns Ferry nuclear plant near Decatur and Athens, Alabama. A TVA spokesman said June 9 the utility disputes federal criticism that its testing program was inadequate for failing to identify that a valve on an emergency cooling system on the Unit 1 reactor was stuck shut. He said that valve would not be disassembled and inspected during normal testing. A regional Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) administrator must decide whether to consider the appeal. The NRC issued the rare red finding and ordered stepped-up inspections for the plant in May. It was one of five red findings issued since the NRC started its current oversight program in 2001.

Source:

<http://www.dailyjournal.net/view/story/81412a5e8b5c49a5a0fca1dbdf5ba8f9/US--Nuclear-Safety-Alabama-Plant/>

11. *June 9, Escondido North County Times* – (California) **San Onofre: 75 gallons of acid spilled at nuke plant.** A leaky flange at San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station in near San Clemente, California spilled 75 gallons of sulfuric acid at the seaside plant in May, according to a hazardous materials spill report published by the California Emergency Management Agency. The incident report indicates the spill occurred at 2:40 p.m. May 28 and was contained by unspecified means. A plant spokesman said June 9 that the spill was outside the plant's two containment domes, and not near any radioactive equipment. He said the spill was contained within a catch basin, or sump, which prevented it from entering any other area of the plant as designed. He said a faulty seal allowed the leak to occur and the seal has since been replaced. A spokeswoman for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission said June 9 that plants are not required to report spills under 1,000 gallons that are contained by safety equipment.

Source: http://www.nctimes.com/news/local/sdcounty/article_c4551cec-4c33-530b-8914-dbb40a4a081e.html

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

12. *June 10, Reuters* – (National) **GM recalls 50,500 Cadillac SRXs in North America.** General Motors (GM) recalled 50,500 Cadillac SRX luxury crossover vehicles because the performance of the front passenger airbag differs from the owner's manual. The recall, announced by GM June 10, affects 47,401 vehicles in the United States, and the rest in Canada and Mexico from the 2011 model year. The U.S. automaker said it knew of no crashes, injuries, or complaints related to the issue. The SRX and the CTS sedan are the top-selling Cadillac models in the United States in 2011, both with more than 22,000 sales. GM said the SRX air bags are programmed to turn off the right side roof-rail airbag if someone sits in the front passenger seat, but the owner's manual says that airbag will deploy whether or not the seat is occupied. Because the action of the airbag and the manual do not match, that violates federal safety standards.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/06/10/us-gm-recall-idUSTRE7592QH20110610>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Banking and Finance Sector

13. *June 10, WXIA 11 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **Robber threatens to kill bank customer.** A bank customer's life was threatened June 8 in DeKalb County, Georgia, when two masked robbers demanded money from a teller and told her they would shoot the customer if she did not hand it over. The FBI said the two suspects stormed the Bank of America branch at 2850 Candler Road in Decatur at 3:11 p.m. June 8. According to a DeKalb County police incident report, one suspect approached the bank counter and pointed his handgun at the head of a customer at the counter. The report said he told the customer if he moved he would be shot. Witnesses told police the suspects left in a red SUV and they provided the tag number. Police found the car had been carjacked a day earlier. The FBI said the 2002 GMC Envoy driven by a third suspect was found abandoned a short distance from the bank. Federal agents are looking at a similar bank robbery in Murrels Inlet, South Carolina, that happened June 1. During that robbery, shots were fired inside the bank. There were no injuries. The FBI has not established a connection between the two robberies but is looking at that possibility.
Source: <http://www.11alive.com/news/article/193986/40/Robber-threatens-to-kill-bank-customer>

14. *June 9, WOOD 8 Grand Rapids* – (Michigan) **Fmr. Kzoo adviser admits stealing \$4.8M.** A former Kalamazoo, Michigan investment adviser pleaded guilty June 9 to

stealing millions of dollars from clients in a fake investment scheme. Federal prosecutors estimate he took \$4.8 million. The man could face up to 20 years in prison for wire fraud. He told the judge he took money from a Kalamazoo couple and others, promising he was putting the money in bank CDs. The former investment adviser explained that he created those fake certificates to show clients “where their money was ... but it “really wasn’t” Clients’ money was funneled to other businesses tied to the former investment adviser.

Source: http://www.woodtv.com/dpp/news/local/kalamazoo_and_battle_creek/Kzoo-man-admits-financial-scheme

15. *June 9, Contra Costa Times* – (California) **Former Walnut Creek financial adviser pleads guilty to fraud charges.** A former financial adviser pleaded guilty in California June 8 to fraud charges after he was caught funneling millions of dollars from his clients’ funds into his own bank accounts, the U.S. attorney’s office said. The 39-year-old Livermore, California man has been ordered to pay back more than \$5.4 million and will serve 65 months in prison, according to a plea agreement. He was indicted in federal court in March on one count each of wire fraud and money laundering. Between 2006 and 2009, while working at the Walnut Creek branch of United Bank of Switzerland Financial Services, Inc., he used his access to client accounts to transfer money to himself. Prosecutors said the man wrote off the withdrawals as investments, and forged investors’ signatures on authorization forms.

Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_18239024

16. *June 9, U.S. Department of Justice* – (International) **USDOJ: Foreign national pleads guilty for role in international money laundering scheme involving \$1.4 million in losses to victims.** A Romanian national pleaded guilty June 9 in Washington, D.C., for leading a money laundering network for a transnational criminal group based in Eastern Europe, the assistant Attorney General of the Justice Department’s Criminal Division announced. According to court documents, in less than 1 year, the criminal conspiracy netted about \$1.4 million from U.S. victims. According to court documents, the man participated in a scheme that operated from July 2005 through November 2006, and involved the posting of fraudulent advertisements on eBay and other Web sites offering expensive vehicles and boats for sale the conspirators did not possess. When the U.S. victims expressed interest in the merchandise, they were contacted directly by an e-mail from a purported seller. According to court documents, the victims were then instructed to wire transfer payments through “eBay Secure Traders” — an entity that has no actual affiliation to eBay, but was used as a ruse to persuade the victims that they were sending money into a secure escrow account pending delivery and inspection of their purchases. Instead, the victims’ funds were wired directly into bank accounts in Hungary, Slovakia, the Czech Republic and Poland that were controlled by the Romanian’s co-conspirators.

Source:

http://7thspace.com/headlines/385655/usdoj_foreign_national_pleas_guilty_for_role_in_international_money_laundering_scheme_involving_14_million_in_losses_to_victims.html

17. *June 9, KAKE 10 Wichita* – (Kansas) **51-year-old woman robs one bank, and tries to rob another.** Newton, Kansas police arrested a 51-year-old woman after she robbed a bank in Newton, and tried to rob a bank in McPherson June 9. According to the Harvey County Sheriff’s office, just before 4:30 p.m., a woman robbed the White Eagle Credit Union in the 300 block of west Broadway. Police said the woman approached a teller, demanded money, and then showed her a gun and a note. After the teller handed over the money, the woman left. Police investigators believe the same woman tried to rob another bank in McPherson earlier in the day. According to a press release from the McPherson Police Department, just before 2:30 p.m. a woman attempted to rob the Home State Bank. The woman made threats, but tellers did not hand over any cash. The FBI has been called in to investigate both incidents.

Source:

http://www.kake.com/news/headlines/Newton_Credit_Union_Robbed_123583369.html

18. *June 9, KGW 8 Portland* – (Oregon) **Police hunt for ‘Civil War Bandit’ bank robber.** Police in Portland, Oregon, are hoping surveillance photos will help them catch a bank robber they have dubbed the “Civil War Bandit.” In one robbery, he wore a University of Oregon Ducks T shirt and an Oregon State baseball cap, which could be seen clearly on the security camera. The man has robbed three banks in three months in the Portland area. He was described as being around 45, 5’10” tall, with an acne-scarred face. Investigators have offered a \$1000 reward for information that leads to his arrest.

Source: <http://www.kgw.com/news/local/Police-hunt-for-Civil-War-Bandit-bank-robber-123588314.html>

19. *June 9, KIRO 97.3 FM* – (Washington) **Police search for suspect who robbed Shoreline, Milton banks.** A robber made a run for his money by robbing not one, but two banks June 8 in Washington State. The first robbery happened in Shoreline at the Whidbey Island Bank on Ballinger Way around 11:15 a.m. The suspect left on foot into a residential neighborhood with the cash, which had a dye pack. When the pack exploded, police were on the scene within 2 minutes, but the suspect got away. Less than 2 hours later, a Bank of America in Milton was robbed by a man who appears to be the same suspect that robbed the Shoreline bank. A King County Sheriff’s sergeant said his office, Milton Police, and the FBI are looking for the suspect who was caught on surveillance camera at both banks. The suspect is described as a black man, about 6 feet tall, 200 pounds, with sunglasses. He wore different clothes in each robbery.

Source: <http://mynorthwest.com/?nid=11&sid=495449>

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Transportation Sector

20. *June 9, Associated Press* – (International) **NZ plane makes emergency landing after flames seen.** A jetliner made a safe emergency landing June 9 in Wellington, New

Zealand, after passengers heard loud bangs and saw flames shooting from an engine. The Air New Zealand Boeing 767 had just left for Perth, Australia, carrying more than 200 passengers, when it turned back to the Auckland International Airport. Air New Zealand said the captain told passengers he was shutting down an engine and that it would not be unusual for them to see flames. The company said a bird strike was possible.

Source: http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2011/06/09/general-as-new-zealand-emergency-landing_8507750.html

21. *June 9, KDVR 31 Dever* – (Colorado) **Trains stop at DIA, passengers evacuated.** The trains that carry passengers to and from the concourses at Denver International Airport in Denver, Colorado were stopped for about 10 minutes June 9. A spokesman for the airport said one train stopped near the “A” concourse at 9:37 a.m., and then another train behind it had to stop because it was unable to get around it. As a result, airport officials and the Denver Fire Department removed about 200 passengers from the stopped trains, and put them on a spare train, so they could get to their flights. security screening at the north and south sides of the terminal was halted because of backups of passengers that developed on the train platforms.

Source: <http://www.kdvr.com/news/kdvr-trains-stop-at-dia-passengers-evacuated-20110609,0,2066241.story>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

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Agriculture and Food Sector

22. *June 10, Reuters* – (International) **E.coli found in bean sprout package-German officials.** German authorities said June 10 they detected the deadly E.coli strain in a bean sprout package from the organic farm in Lower Saxony, which had already been under investigation. “According to our knowledge to date, the bean sprouts originated from the farm in Bienenbuettel,” said the consumer protection agency from North Rhine Westphalia state, where the package was discovered. “The discovery confirms our current warning against the consumption of bean sprouts. It is therefore becoming increasingly more likely that bean sprouts are the source of the E.coli infections,” the consumer protection minister in North Rhine-Westphalia said.

Source: <http://www.fox13now.com/news/nationworld/sns-rt-us-ecolitre7591hw-20110610,0,4918652.story>

23. *June 10, WKMG 6 Orlando* – (Florida) **Fire rips through Apopka strip mall.** A fire was reported at Ideal Food Store, a grocery store, around 11:45 p.m. June 9 in Apopka, Florida, causing concern for firefighters because the store sells propane tanks and a nearby pool supply store has dangerous chemicals. A Florida Highway Patrol trooper investigating an auto crash reported the fire. Orange County firefighters arrived to find Ideal Food Store, one of four stores in the strip mall, engulfed in flames. The shopping plaza consists of the grocery store, a pawn shop, a hair salon, and a pool supply store. A hazardous materials squad was called in case there was an issue with the dangerous chemicals, fire officials said. The state fire marshal’s office will investigate the cause of the fire.
Source: <http://www.clickorlando.com/news/28193162/detail.html>
24. *June 9, San Jose Mercury News* – (California) **San Jose Lucky store evacuated after gas scare.** Shoppers and employees at the Lucky store, a grocery store in South San Jose, California, got a brief scare about 1:30 p.m. June 9 after authorities evacuated the building when they suspected some sort of volatile chemical was leaking. San Jose firefighters eventually determined a refrigerator was leaking Freon, a chemical than can cause frostbite or seizure, a fire captain said. “An employee in the store heard some loud gushing and did not know where it was coming from,” the captain said. Using a special materials task force, firefighters equipped with breathing apparatus approached the entrance not knowing if there was an explosive gas leaking. People at about 12 nearby shops and buildings east of Highway 87, including a senior living center, were ordered to stay inside as firefighters investigated. They worked with experts from a refrigeration company to shut off the Freon, 2 hours after the initial response. About 1 hour after that, the owners reopened the store.
Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/crime-courts/ci_18242535
25. *June 9, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Missouri) **US Department of Labor’s OSHA cites Liquid Feed Commodities in Fremont, Neb., for serious health and safety violations.** The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has cited Liquid Feed Commodities Inc. in Fremont, Nebraska, for 20 serious and 1 other-than-serious violation of OSHA’s safety and health standards. Proposed fines total \$79,200. OSHA’s inspection of Liquid Feed was initiated in March under a local emphasis program that targets grain-handling establishments. The program is designed to reduce injury, illness, and death rates in the industry by increasing employers’ knowledge of safety and health programs through outreach and enforcement activities. The serious violations stem from a lack of or inadequate fall protection, respiratory hazards, confined space hazards, energy source lockout/tagout hazards, a lack of eyewash facilities, a lack of powered industrial truck training, machine guarding hazards, electrical hazards, and chemical hazards. A serious violation occurs when there is substantial probability that death or serious physical harm could result from a hazard about which the employer knew or should have known. The other-than-serious violation is related to deficient powered industrial truck inspections. An other-than-serious violation is one that has a direct relationship to job safety and health, but probably would not cause death or serious physical harm.
Source:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=19983

26. *June 9, WOIO 19 Cleveland* – (Ohio) **State of Ohio investigating outbreak of infections caused by Salmonella.** State officials report that eight separate Salmonella illnesses in Ohio are part of a multistate outbreak associated with chicks and/or ducklings purchased in 2011 at agricultural supply stores sourced from Mt. Healthy Hatchery, an Ohio hatchery. The birds were sold at numerous agricultural outlets across the state and with these confirmed reports of Salmonella infections, health officials are encouraging any purchaser of baby chicks to use caution in their handling and care. The eight ill individuals range in age from 3 months to 76 years and live in Ashtabula, Columbiana, Franklin, Hamilton, Jefferson, Licking, Medina, and Wood counties. Specimens obtained from chicks belonging to one of the Ohio cases yielded the outbreak strain of Salmonella Altona. The Ohio departments of health and agriculture are working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Poultry Improvement Plan, and Ohio health departments in responding to the outbreak.

Source: <http://www.woio.com/Global/story.asp?S=14875785>

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Water Sector

27. *June 9, Contra Costa Times* – (California) **Richmond fined for wastewater violations.** A state agency is fining Richmond, California for releasing contaminated water into San Francisco Bay. On June 7, the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board said it will fine Richmond for dumping water containing more than the legal limit of chlorine or other contaminants into the bay on 10 occasions since 2004. The company that treats Richmond's sewage, Veolia Water, will take responsibility for paying the \$24,000 fine and finding ways to avoid future mistakes. Veolia failed to adequately dechlorinate its water on five occasions, the water board said. On two occasions, the treatment plant dumped water containing more than the legal limit of bacteria. Last fall, equipment failure at the city's wastewater treatment plant allowed hydrogen sulfide gas to escape. The Bay Area Air Quality Management District issued a violation notice to the city and another to Veolia for causing a public nuisance.

Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_18242053?nclick_check=1

28. *June 9, Walla Walla Union-Bulletin* – (Oregon) **E. coli reported in Weston; residents urged to boil water.** The city of Weston, Oregon issued a warning for its drinking water June 9. Residents were advised to boil all water used for human consumption until further notice. No illnesses have been reported, a city police sergeant said June 9. The city's public works department received a positive test for E. coli in the water distribution system. An owl's nest was located in the water tank and has contaminated

the water, officials said in a press release. The nest has been removed and the water system has been chlorinated and is being flushed. However, it will take time to work through the entire distribution system and the city is working on resolving this situation as quickly as possible. The police sergeant said the city expected the problem to be remedied by June 13.

Source: <http://union-bulletin.com/stories/2011/6/9/e-coli-reported-in-weston-residents-urged-to-boil-water>

29. *June 8, Associated Press* – (Florida) **Phosphate plant leak sends toxic cadmium into Tampa Bay.** High levels of a toxic metallic element have been detected in the millions of gallons of seawater that have been gushing into Tampa Bay, Florida and Bishop Harbor for more than a week, the Associated Press reported June 8. Cadmium was the only chemical found at a hazardous level in a test for nearly 40 chemicals in water being drained from the former Piney Point phosphate plant in Manatee County. State environmental officials said the presence of cadmium was above state standards. The water and slurry from a dredging project at Port Manatee was being stored in reservoirs at the plant. A leak in a reservoir was detected May 11.

Source: <http://www2.tbo.com/news/breaking-news/2011/jun/08/phosphate-plant-leak-sends-toxic-cadmium-into-tamp-ar-235987/>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

30. *June 9, Ultimate Fort Bend* – (Texas) **Three charged in Richmond pharmacy investigation.** The owner and pharmacist of the River Edge Pharmacy in Richmond, Texas, was charged with four felonies in an undercover investigation by the Fort Bend County Narcotics Task Force, and the Houston DEA Diversion Squad. Investigators arrested the owner and searched the pharmacy June 6, after she allegedly wrote illegal prescriptions for undercover officers, according to a spokesman with the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office. He said the search turned up many hand-written prescriptions from other doctors in the Houston area, including one who investigators said has not practiced since mid-2010. Agents also seized computers, bank records, and other records in the search. A 37-year-old Katy man was arrested during the search and charged with unlawfully carrying a weapon and violating the Private Security Act. Investigators said he was an armed security guard at the pharmacy. Agents also arrested the pharmacy's manager June 7. Agents said they found illegal drugs in the trunk of her car.

Source: <http://www.ultimatefortbend.com/stories/248603-three-charged-in-richmond-pharmacy-investigation>

31. *June 9, London Daily Telegraph* – (International) **Fears for patients' data after hackers hit NHS.** Patients of the National Health Service (NHS) of the United Kingdom face a potential security breach after computer hackers gained access to

health service passwords. The group, which calls itself LulzSec, said June 8 it had accessed a system that handles sensitive patient data. The week of May 30, the group stole 1 million data records from a Sony Web site. It published an e-mail showing it had informed the NHS of the security breach, saying “we mean you no harm and only want to help you fix your tech issues.” The group took master “admin” passwords from the system “months ago” while searching the Internet for other materials, but had not exploited them. LulzSec reported the security vulnerability on its Twitter account. The message said: “Greetings â□| we’re a somewhat known band of pirate-ninjas that go by LulzSec. Some time ago, we were traversing the internet for signs of enemy fleets. While you aren’t considered an enemy — your work is of course brilliant — we did stumble upon several of your admin passwords.” The department of health admitted the system had been breached, but said it was only on a local level. It has reported the incident to police. “This is a local issue affecting a small number of Web site administrators,” a spokesman said. “No patient information has been compromised. No national NHS information systems have been affected.”

Source: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/technology/news/8567008/Fears-for-patients-data-after-hackers-hit-NHS.html>

32. *June 9, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (National) **U.S. subsidiary of Belgian pharmaceutical manufacturer pleads guilty to off-label promotion; company to pay more than \$34 million.** The U.S. subsidiary of Belgian pharmaceutical manufacturer UCB S.A. pleaded guilty June 9 to the off-label promotion of its epilepsy drug Keppra and will pay more than \$34 million to resolve criminal and civil liability arising out of its illegal conduct, the Justice Department announced June 9. Under the terms of the plea agreement before the U.S. Court for the District of Columbia, UCB Inc., which has its headquarters in Smyrna, Georgia, pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor in connection with the company’s misbranding of Keppra, in violation of the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. Keppra was approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as an anti-epileptic drug, for the treatment of seizures in adults and children suffering from epilepsy. Keppra is not approved for the treatment of migraine, headache, psychiatric conditions, or pain conditions. Once approved by the FDA, a manufacturer may not market or promote a drug for any use not specified in the FDA-approved product label. These uses are also known as unapproved or “off-label” uses. The government alleged that UCB promoted the sale of Keppra for off-label use in the treatment of migraine by generating and disseminating posters representing that Keppra was safe and effective for treating migraine based on purportedly independent investigator-initiated studies. The posters did not disclose UCB’s sponsorship of these studies, or that UCB’s own clinical trial had failed to demonstrate Keppra was effective in treating migraine.

Source: <http://www.fbi.gov/washingtondc/press-releases/2011/u.s.-subsidiary-of-belgian-pharmaceutical-manufacturer-pleads-guilty-to-off-label-promotion-company-to-pay-more-than-34-million>

33. *June 9, Ventura County Star* – (California) **Hazardous liquid spills at Ventura County Medical Center.** Firefighters in Ventura, California, were called to the Ventura County Medical Center June 9 after a corrosive liquid released noxious vapors

on the facility's second floor, authorities said. Authorities said the liquid accidentally spilled. Hospital personnel were ordered to evacuate the building and the hospital's ventilation system was shut down. A hazardous material team from the city was called to the hospital. The team used protective equipment and collected and removed the spilled material. The team also tested the affected areas to make certain they were safe to reoccupy. Three people were exposed to the vapors and treated. They also underwent a medical evaluation at the hospital. The spill was reported about 5:05 p.m. It was cleaned up by 7:30 p.m.

Source: <http://www.vcstar.com/news/2011/jun/09/hazardous-liquid-spills-at-ventura-county-center/>

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Government Facilities Sector

34. *June 10, Madison Capital Times* – (Wisconsin) **Woman arrested for alleged bomb threats at state office buildings.** A 24-year-old Fitchburg, Wisconsin woman was arrested by Wisconsin Capitol Police for allegedly making two bomb threats to two state office buildings June 7 in Madison. The woman was tentatively charged with two counts of making a bomb scare, according to a press release issued June 10 by the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs on behalf of the capitol police. According to the release, the woman was working for a cleaning company contracted by the state. Police were notified of written bomb threats to the GEF-2 and GEF-3 state office buildings on Webster Street in Madison at about 7 p.m. The threats were found by cleaning crews. Both buildings were evacuated and searched, but nothing was found. The case has been turned over to the Dane County District Attorney's Office.
Source: http://host.madison.com/ct/news/local/crime_and_courts/article_d25126aa-9377-11e0-92fc-001cc4c002e0.html

35. *June 9, Associated Press* – (National) **U.S. reaches plea deal in classified leaks case.** The Justice Department June 9 reached a plea agreement in the leak case against a former National Security Agency (NSA) official. In court papers, the government said the man will plead guilty to exceeding authorized use of a computer, a misdemeanor. The suspect had been charged with obstruction of justice, lying to the FBI, and illegal possession of classified NSA documents under the seldom-used Espionage Act of 1917, even though he was not charged with spying. If he had been convicted of those crimes, he could have faced up to 35 years in prison. The court documents in the plea deal contain no recommendation on sentencing for the man, but misdemeanors carry a maximum penalty of 1 year in jail. The documents filed June 9 by federal prosecutors said the government and the suspect agreed that if the case had gone to trial, the government would have proved that from February 2006 through about March 2007, the suspect intentionally accessed a system called NSANet, obtained official NSA information, and provided it orally and in writing to another person who was not permitted or authorized to receive it. The suspect "knew that NSA restricted the use of

and access to its computers and NSANet to official use only,” the court papers said.
Source: <http://www.longislandpress.com/2011/06/09/us-reaches-plea-deal-in-classified-leaks-case/>

36. *June 9, WAVY 10 Portsmouth* – (Virginia) **Coast Guard officer indicted for fraud.** A 35-year-old U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) lieutenant and her 37-year-old husband were arrested June 9 on charges of conspiracy, theft of public money, wire fraud and money laundering. This string of charges are in connection with a kickback scheme involving USCG contracts. According to the U.S. Attorney’s Office of the Eastern District of Virginia, court documents state the lieutenant began recommending contracts to a company owned by her cousin. The lieutenant was a desk manager at the time. As a result of her cousin’s company obtaining contracts, both the lieutenant and her husband received almost \$100,000 in kickbacks from different companies. The money was then laundered through business bank accounts. The DHS, Office of Inspector General, and Coast Guard Investigative Service worked together on the investigation.
Source: http://www.wvlp.com/dpps/military/coast_guard/coast-guard-officer-indicted-for-fraud_3843346

37. *June 9, Grand Forks Herald* – (Minnesota) **Juveniles arrested in Roseau school fire.** Two juveniles appeared in court the week of June 6 in Roseau, Minnesota, on charges related to a fire set at the Roseau High School June 6. According to a news release from the Roseau Police chief, the two juveniles were arrested June 7 after an investigation into the fire, which damaged rubber roofing and insulation at the school. Officials at the school reported the damage June 7. The fire, thought to have been set June 6, was out by the time the damage was reported.
Source: <http://www.grandforksherald.com/event/article/id/206214/group/homepage/>

38. *June 9, Missouri News Horizon* – (Tennessee) **‘Suspicious letter’ sent to state capitol.** A suspicious letter was intercepted in the Tennessee capitol hill mail room June 9 and has been turned over to the FBI, according to state government officials. Officials have declined to identify who the letter was addressed to or what it contained that drew attention to it. Upon noticing the letter in the morning, mail room staff contacted the Tennessee Highway Patrol, who contacted the state’s emergency management agency, according to a spokeswoman for the department of safety. The case is now in the hands of the FBI, she said. The mail room, located on the ground floor of the capitol building, was blocked off in the morning and remained blocked off in the afternoon.
Source: <http://missouri-news.org/midwest-news/tennessee/suspicious-letter-sent-to-state-capitol/5911>

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Emergency Services Sector

39. *June 9, Brownsville Herald* – (Texas; International) **Sources: Incident not a big shootout.** Information from several sources late June 9 raises questions regarding a report from the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) about a shootout early in the day where U.S. authorities reportedly came under “heavy fire” on the Rio Grande river near the border with Mexico. Two independent sources, one from the United States and one from Mexico, said that only six shots were heard from the Mexican side. They said the bullets hit the ground. DPS officials said the incident occurred shortly after 6 a.m., but they didn’t disclose the location. Other sources placed it south of Abram at 6:23 a.m. The confrontation took place when Texas Rangers, U.S. Border Patrol and Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) game wardens attempted to seize a drug load, a DPS spokeswoman said. Three of the four boats involved in the incident were from TPW and were responding to a call from the Border Patrol and Texas Rangers to help stop delivery of a narcotics load, a TPW spokesman said. As they arrived, people from the Mexican side began throwing rocks that struck two game wardens, he said. The wardens were later taken to a local hospital for treatment, and were subsequently released. “At that point the officers were in fear for their lives and the shooting began soon after,” he said. “Our wardens did fire shots to defend themselves.” DPS confirmed at least three suspects were injured as a result, but officials did not disclose how many officers discharged their weapons. Sources with direct knowledge of the case from both the United States and Mexico stated a group of about 20 individuals were moving a load of narcotics back to Mexico in an effort to elude apprehension. In addition to the rocks the suspects on the Mexican side fired about six shots. Upon hearing the shots, U.S. authorities opened fire as well. Mexican authorities were notified and reportedly arrived shortly after, the DPS spokeswoman said.
- Source: <http://www.brownsvilleherald.com/news/shootout-127544-sources-came.html>

40. *June 9, Cypress Times* – (National) **FEMA, FCC announce nationwide test of the emergency alert system.** The U.S. DHS’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will conduct the first nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS). The nationwide test will occur November 9 at 2 p.m. Eastern Standard Time and may last up to three and a half minutes. Similar to local EAS tests that are already conducted frequently, the nationwide test will involve broadcast radio and television stations, cable television, satellite radio, and television services, and wireline video service providers across all states and the territories of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and American Samoa.
- Source:
http://www.thecypresstimes.com/article/News/National_News/FEMA_FCC_ANNOUNCE_NATIONWIDE_TEST_OF_THE_EMERGENCY_ALERT_SYSTEM/46515

41. *June 9, CNSNews.com* – (National; International) **127 border patrol and customs workers arrested for corruption.** Largely because of the spreading influence of Mexican drug cartels and illegal alien smugglers, 127 agents of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) have been arrested, charged, or convicted of corruption, including drug smuggling, since 2004, the commissioner of the CBP said June 9. He said overall the CBP employs about 60,000 people, 40,000 of whom work at the U.S. borders. Furthermore, the acting inspector general for the DHS testified that Mexican

drug cartels have turned “to corrupting DHS employees,” adding that “[b]order corruption impacts national security.” In his prepared testimony, the inspector general added that his office has 267 active corruption-related investigations of CBP employees underway.

Source: <http://www.cnsnews.com/news/article/cbp-chief-127-cbp-personnel-arrested-cha>

42. *June 9, KDVR 31 Denver* – (Colorado) **Prison special ops member accused of stealing ‘Flash Bang’ devices.** The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) arrested an elite member of a prison special operations team June 8 in Colorado on charges he stole “Flash Bang” devices from the U.S. Bureau of Prisons and sold them. The 29-year-old and his associate, both of Canon City, Colorado were scheduled to make their first appearance in federal court in Denver June 9. A DOJ spokesman said both were arrested June 8 by special agents with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF), and DOJ. The prison special operations team members is charged with stealing the flash bang devices. Both men face charges of conspiracy to transfer the devices, selling the devices, and possessing the devices. The various counts carry penalties of up to 5-10 years in prison, and fines of up to \$10,000 to \$250,000 upon conviction.

Source: http://www.kdvr.com/news/kdvr-accused-stealing-flash-bang-devices-20110609,0,4909546.story?hpt=ju_bn6

43. *June 8, Oakland Tribune* – (California) **Raids target Central Valley gangs that operate across U.S.-Mexico border.** State and federal agents swarmed across several small communities in and around the San Joaquin Valley, California town of Los Banos June 7 and arrested 75 suspected members of a prison gang and a street gang. The raid, code-named “Red Zone,” also netted weapons, including five assault rifles, \$64,000 in cash, and unnamed quantities of methamphetamine, cocaine, and marijuana. The operation was the culmination of a 2-year effort targeting “transnational gangs” that operate across the U.S.-Mexico border, dealing in drugs, weapons, and human trafficking. The “Red Zone” operation was initiated in August 2010 when officials from the California Department of Justice realized that a previous operation targeting the prison gang in Salinas had only driven them to other areas. As law enforcement efforts have increased, gangs have sought refuge in more rural, farming areas such as the San Joaquin Valley. Officers from 31 agencies, both federal and state, participated in the raid, which targeted middle- and senior-level members of the prison gang.

Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/news/ci_18232724?source=rss&nclick_check=1

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Information Technology Sector

44. *June 10, The Register* – (International) **Phishers LAMP Web hosts.** Phishers compromise LAMP-based Web sites for days at a time and hit the same victims over and over again, according to an Anti-Phishing Working Group (APWG) survey. Sites built on Linux, Apache, MySQL, and PHP are the favored targets of phishing attackers, the APWG report found, with between 76 and 82 percent of respondents using one or

more components of the LAMP architecture. All 270 Web sites surveyed had been cracked. In the vast majority of cases, the sites were not the primary targets, but were compromised to act as launching pads for phishing attacks against third parties. “While we acknowledge that LAMP — Linux, Apache, MySQL, PHP — is the most popular web operating environment, the APWG IPC is concerned that this profile is exploited with such apparent frequency,” the report noted. According to the latest numbers from Netcraft, Apache has about a 63 percent market share. The APWG survey also found that 37 percent of sites had been compromised more than once in the last 12 months, and that 35 percent were under the control of the attackers for 2 days or more. The report also showed that many Web masters were largely clueless about how and when the attackers managed to break in — 52 percent of respondents had to be notified about the breach by anti-phishing companies. Thirty-four percent of respondents blamed their PHP applications for the compromise, but 45 percent admitted they had no idea how the attackers got in.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/06/10/domains_lamped/

45. *June 10, Reuters* – (International) **Spanish police arrest ‘Anonymous’ PlayStation hackers.** Spanish police arrested three suspected members of the so-called “Anonymous” group June 10 on charges of cyber-attacks against targets including Sony’s PlayStation network, governments, businesses, and banks. The police said the accused, arrested in Almeria, Barcelona, and Alicante, were guilty of coordinated computer hacking attacks from a server set up in a house in Gijon in the north of Spain. Spanish police alleged the three arrested “hacktivists” had been involved in the recent attack on Sony’s PlayStation online gaming store which crippled the service for over a month, as well as cyber-attacks on Spanish banks BBVA and Bankia, and the Italian energy group Enel.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/06/10/rc-spain-anonymous-idUSLDE7591FV20110610>
46. *June 10, H Security* – (International) **Microsoft to fix many critical vulnerabilities on Patch Tuesday.** Microsoft announced it plans to release 16 security bulletins June 14. The company rates nine of the bulletins as critical; the remaining seven are considered to be “Important.” According to Microsoft, the bulletins will patch 34 vulnerabilities in its products. In a post on its Security Response Center blog, Microsoft said the bulletins also include issues related to “cookiejacking” — in May, a security researcher discovered a zero-day hole in all versions of Internet Explorer (IE) that allows an attacker to steal cookies from a user’s machine and access Web sites the user has previously logged into. Microsoft said the updates for IE will address one of the known vectors to the cookie folder.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Microsoft-to-fix-many-critical-vulnerabilities-on-Patch-Tuesday-1258681.html>
47. *June 10, H Security* – (International) **Adobe to patch critical holes in Reader and Acrobat.** Adobe announced it will patch holes in its Reader and Acrobat products June 14. The company said the updates will close several critical vulnerabilities. Adobe Reader X for Windows (version 10.0.1) and Mac OS X (version 10.0.3), Reader 9.4.3,

and Acrobat X 10.0.3 and 9.4.3 are all said to be affected. The company released updates for its Flash Player June 5. The update addressed a zero-day “universal” cross-site scripting vulnerability that could be used to take actions on a user’s behalf on any Web site or Web mail provider once the user had visited a malicious site. At that point, Adobe was still investigating whether Acrobat Reader and its embedded Flash Player were vulnerable.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Adobe-to-patch-critical-holes-in-Reader-and-Acrobat-1258848.html>

48. *June 9, Network World* – (International) **Feds seize Swiss bank account of scareware mogul.** Federal authorities have seized all the cash in a Swiss bank account held by a scareware mogul and scam artist who is charged with selling phony Symantec security software, Network World reported June 9. The U.S. attorney’s office in New York filed for the forfeiture of \$14.8 million stashed in the account by the man, who has fled the United States after being charged in the counterfeit antivirus scheme. He was charged 3 years ago, but has been on the run since after failing to show for court appearances, and authorities believe he has moved to the Ukraine. The suspect is charged with trafficking in counterfeit goods, wire fraud, and mail fraud. His scheme employed spam to lure victims to a Web site where they used credit cards to buy what was purported to be genuine Symantec antivirus software. In return, they were sent counterfeit software from a facility in Ohio, according to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. He is also charged with selling scareware products as WinFixer, Antivirus 2008, and VirusRemover 2008, all of which are represented as antivirus software but which actually install spyware and malware and otherwise slow down victim computers. He ran Innovative Marketing, which prosecutors said sold 1 million copies of fake antivirus products. Authorities believe he set up corporations in the United States and overseas to hide the transactions, and that he opened bank accounts and investment accounts in the United States, Uruguay, and Switzerland.

Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2011/060911-scareware-mogul.html>

49. *June 8, Wall Street Journal* – (International) **Some top apps put data at risk.** Computer security firm viaForensics found the applications for top Internet companies LinkedIn Corp., Netflix, Inc., Foursquare, and Square, Inc. stored various forms of users’ personal data in plain text on a mobile device, putting sensitive information at risk to computer criminals. The Android applications of LinkedIn, Netflix, and Foursquare stored user names and passwords in unencrypted form on their Google-powered devices. Storing that data in plain text violates a commonly accepted best practice in computer security. Since many people tend to use the same usernames and passwords across any number of sites, the failing could help hackers penetrate other accounts. ViaForensics also found the iPhone version of Square’s mobile payments app exposed a user’s transaction amount history and the most recent digital signature of a person who signed an electronic receipt on the app. The apps exposed other types of personal data in plain text on cell phones, including e-mails sent from the app by a LinkedIn member, the movie queue of a Netflix app user, and the search history under Foursquare’s Places tab.

Source: <http://blogs.wsj.com/digits/2011/06/08/some-top-apps-put-data-at-risk/>

Internet Alert Dashboard

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

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

50. *June 7, Nextgov* – (National) **Planned LightSquared cell network is incompatible with aviation GPS, group says.** A new nationwide broadband cellular network planned by startup LightSquared will cause complete loss of Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver functionality when operated in the upper band of the frequency allocated to the company, a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) advisory group said in the executive summary of a report sent to FAA the week of May 30. Manufacturer Deere and Co., whose agricultural equipment uses GPS to support precision farming operations, told the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) late last month that tests this April in New Mexico showed that the LightSquared network will result in “massive interference” to the system it uses to provide location information. First responders reported in May that the LightSquared system knocked out GPS receivers in tests at Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico. LightSquared, the GPS industry and federal agencies are conducting tests to determine the extent of interference from the company’s system to GPS receivers, with a final report due to the FCC June 15.

Source: http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20110607_4156.php

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Commercial Facilities Sector

51. *June 10, Sacramento Bee* – (California) **Evacuation order ends as propane leaks are fixed.** A voluntary evacuation order issued in April for the Serene Lakes community in Placer County, California, due to concerns over leaking propane tanks was lifted June 9. The order was issued after an April 8 explosion likely caused by a propane leak demolished an unoccupied cabin in Serene Lakes. At that time, there were believed to be about two dozen tanks in the community leaking due to damage from heavy snowfall. Truckee fire officials and the Placer County Sheriff’s Department, in consultation with county health officials, lifted the order after cleanup work was finished on the last property known to have a leak. Propane leaks have affected 42 properties since March at Serene Lakes, near Donner Summit, as well as homes in other areas of eastern Placer County, the county reported.

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2011/06/10/3690385/evacuation-order-ends-as-propane.html>

52. *June 10, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **Fire in abandoned New Jersey tire factory smolders as officials investigate cause.** Firefighters June 9 were still battling a 12-alarm blaze that turned an abandoned tire factory in southern New Jersey into smoldering rubble and damaged several row homes. Investigators hoped the fire would cool down enough June 10 so they can begin combing the charred remains and determine what sparked the June 9 inferno at Camden’s vacant Reliable Tire Co. They also need to total the nearby damage. Officials estimate at least 20 residents were displaced. None were injured. Three firefighters and one civilian were hospitalized for heat exhaustion after fighting the flames in near 100-degree temperatures.
Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/fire-in-abandoned-new-jersey-tire-factory-also-damages-nearby-homes/2011/06/10/AG1rnJOH_story.html
53. *June 10, Duluth News Tribune* – (Minnesota) **Downtown Duluth gas leak forces evacuations.** A natural gas leak forced the evacuation of hundreds of people from offices and the YMCA in Duluth, Minnesota, for several hours June 9. A contractor drilling under the street behind the YMCA hit a natural gas line about 2:30 p.m., according to the Duluth assistant fire chief. The YMCA, Qwest and AT&T buildings on the 300 block of West First Street were evacuated, as were a number of office buildings on the upper side of Superior Street, he said. The gas was leaking up through the pavement into the atmosphere, but most concerning to firefighters was the gas working its way into the vents and basements of buildings. Firefighters did not find high levels of natural gas in any of the buildings, and all were reopened, except for the Qwest Building, by 5 p.m.
Source: <http://www.duluthnewstribune.com/event/article/id/201344/>
54. *June 10, Bloomberg* – (International) **Chicago man guilty of helping plan Danish newspaper attack.** A Chicago, Illinois man was found guilty June 9 of helping plan an attack on a Danish newspaper that printed inflammatory cartoons of the Islamic prophet Muhammad and of aiding a Pakistani group labeled a terrorist organization by the United States. The Pakistani native and Canadian citizen, was acquitted by a federal jury June 10 on a third charge, that he helped planners of the 2008 Mumbai, India terrorist attacks that killed about 160 people, including 6 Americans. The jury found the man knowingly allowed his immigrations services business to be used by another man as a cover for a mission to surveil Morgenavisen Jyllands-Posten, the Copenhagen, Denmark newspaper that published cartoons in 2005 depicting Islamic prophet Muhammad. The attack on the newspaper was never carried out. The man was also convicted of giving material support to Lashkar-e-Taiba, a Pakistani group that agitates for separation of the predominantly Muslim state of Jammu and Kashmir from India. The U.S. labeled Lashkar a terrorist organization in 2001. Each conviction carries a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison. Jurors found the man’s assistance of Lashkar did not result in any deaths, which could have made him eligible for a life sentence, a lawyer for the convict said.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/g/a/2011/06/10/bloomberg1376-LMHLKZ0YHQ0X01-638194N8GPBRIFVC4C86MD7T03.DTL>

55. *June 9, Toms River Patch* – (New Jersey) **200 emergency responders help quench Route 166 fire.** The heat of fire coupled with the heat of June and a metal roof created a 2hour fight for more than 150 firefighters at a blaze that heavily damaged portions of a small strip mall on Route 166 in Toms River, New Jersey, June 9. The blaze ripped through all four businesses in the plaza: Wizard O’ Wash laundromat, Bombay convenience store, Attilio’s Pizza, and Vespia’s Goodyear Tires. The fire alarm came from Wizard O’ Wash, and then spread to the adjacent businesses via the ceiling, the Toms River Police chief said. One firefighter was transported to Community Medical Center for heat exhaustion, he said. It was the only report of injury during the incident, a fire spokesman said. The area was off limits for traffic, as a portion of Route 166 was closed for several hours. So were portions of James and Division streets near Route 166, and the length of Presidential Boulevard was blocked off. The fire remains under investigation by the Toms River Fire Prevention Bureau.

Source: <http://tomsriver.patch.com/articles/200-emergency-responders-help-quench-route-166-fire>

56. *June 9, KTHV 11 Little Rock* – (Arkansas) **NLR hotel evacuated for carbon monoxide poisoning.** A north Little Rock, Arkansas hotel was evacuated June 9 after a family staying there was determined to be suffering from carbon monoxide poisoning. Two adults and two children were taken to the hospital around 6:45 a.m. from the Comfort Inn on McCain Park. The fire department concluded there were unsafe gas levels on all floors. Some 50 rooms were evacuated, and 64 people were removed from the hotel while the building was vented. About 10 other people complained of slight symptoms, but authorities said it is unknown whether they went to the hospital. The fire department found the source of the poisoning to be the swimming pool heater.

Source: <http://www.todaysthv.com/news/article/160629/2/NLR-hotel-evacuated-for-carbon-monoxide-poisoning>

57. *June 9, WISC 50 Madison* – (Wisconsin) **Storms prompt evacuation at Mallards game.** Sports stadiums had to be evacuated quickly as the severe weather rolled in June 8, including fans who were watching the Madison Mallards game on the north side of Madison, Wisconsin. The rain started coming down as soon as the national anthem finished. The umpires, at first, postponed the game. When tornado sirens went off, the president of the Madison Mallards said he communicated with Madison police. The Mallards canceled the game at about 7:45 p.m. While policy calls for evacuation to nearby Warner Park Recreation Center, the president said the handful of fans left were taken to concrete buildings around the stadium.

Source: <http://www.channel3000.com/news/28191469/detail.html>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

58. *June 10, CNN* – (Arizona) **Crews may get a break from winds as Arizona blaze rages on.** Crews battling one of the worst wildfires in Arizona could catch a break June 10 when the high winds driving the fires were expected to weaken. The fire has scorched 525 square miles, an area bigger than Los Angeles, forcing more than 6,000 people to evacuate. Firefighters battling the Wallow Fire gained ground June 9 for the first time since the blaze broke out in late May. They also confirmed that 29 houses have been destroyed, including 22 homes in Greer that were annihilated June 8. A spokesman with the Southwest Interagency Incident Management team said firefighters June 9 appeared to turn a corner, holding the line in some areas and preventing the spread of the fire into the towns of Eagar and Springerville. The fire is 5 percent contained, the spokesman said. Among other things, firefighters have been relying on a method called backfiring, in which they light smaller fires ahead of the blaze in hopes that it dies in the crispy timber. Fire officials and power companies June 9 said they were planning for the possibility that the blaze would reach crucial transmission lines that supply power to thousands. El Paso Electric said that the fire had crept to within 15 miles of company transmission lines that serve nearly 400,000 people. The utility was preparing for contingency plans, including rolling blackouts in some areas. Tucson Electric, which serves about 400,000 customers, said the fire was about 8 miles from one of its transmission lines. Another area power company, Navopache Electric, said on its Web site that some of its service territory remained without power. The Arizona governor has declared a state of emergency to mobilize funds for the wildfires in Apache and Greenlee counties.

Source: http://www.cnn.com/2011/US/06/10/arizona.wildfires/index.html?hpt=hp_t2

59. *June 9, Oregon Public Broadcasting* – (Oregon) **Forest Service: Cave vandals caught.** Law enforcement officers with the U.S. Forest Service said they have apprehended suspects whom they believe may have vandalized a historic cave in Central Oregon. The vandalism occurred sometime in late April of 2011 at the Hidden Forest Cave in the Deschutes National Forest. Vandals chopped down trees and set a fire inside the cave. They also spray-painted extensively both outside and inside the cave, covering native pictographs. “Through that we received some tips that have lead us to apprehend five suspects in that damage. Their case has been sent to the Department of Justice and the Department of Justice will consider what kind of charges to take in the matter,” a spokeswoman for the Deschutes National Forest said. The suspects could face misdemeanor or felony charges under the Archaeological Resources Protection Act. If convicted, they could face up to 10 years in jail, and up to \$100,-000 in fines.

Source: <http://news.opb.org/article/forest-service-cave-vandals-caught/>

60. *June 9, WJXX 25/WLTV 12 Jacksonville* – (Florida) **Fire sparks in Baker County; A1A re-opened near Guana Fire.** A brush fire broke June 9 out at Guana River State Park in St. Johns County, Florida, forcing the closure of A1A near the entrance to the park for about 2 hours. The road, closed between the Six Mile Boat Ramp and the South Guana State Park Parking lot in the 2900 block, reopened to traffic shortly after 4

p.m. The fire, which was burning on the east and west sides of the road, was contained in about 90 minutes by the St. Johns County Fire and Rescue (SJCFR) department and the Florida Department of Forestry (DOF), according to an SJCFR spokesperson. According to DOF, there is also a fairly large brush fire burning in Baker County 1 mile southeast of the Northeast Florida State Mental Hospital. The winds are blowing away from the hospital so the DOF said it is not evacuating. The fire is on the east side of SR 121. A DOF spokesman said no structures were threatened by the Guana fire. Source: <http://www.firstcoastnews.com/topstories/article/207150/3/Guana-River-State-Park-Fire-Closes-A1A--SLIDESHOW?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|FRONTPAGE|p>

61. *June 9, Abilene Reporter-News* – (Texas) **Dos Amigos Fire burns 14,000 acres, crosses into Sterling County.** The Dos Amigos Fire west of Robert Lee and southwest of Abilene, Texas, grew June 9 to 14,000 acres, extending into eastern Sterling County from Coke County, officials from the Texas Forest Service (TFS) reported. The fire burned for a second day in a rural area, consuming mostly heavy grass, brush, and cedar in rocky terrain about 15 miles west of the city. By the end of the day, the TFS estimated containment at 20 percent. Authorities said more than 100 personnel were on the scene, including TFS, U.S. Forest Service, and volunteer departments from Robert Lee, Bronte, Quail Valley, Water Valley, Sterling City, Maryneal, and Ballinger, as well as Mitchell and Tom Green counties. The fire had forced the closing of U.S. Highway 158 between Robert Lee and Sterling City June 8, but the highway was reopened June 9. No structures had burned, though the fire was burning on Goat Mountain Wind Farm, and only one person was evacuated from the area as a precaution, officials from the Coke County Sheriff's Office said. Gas wells in the area had been shut down. Three firefighters — two from Robert Lee and another from Tom Green County — were treated for heat exhaustion and taken off duty. Temperatures were in the 100-degree range. The cause of the fire is not known, but a Coke County Precinct 1 constable said it could have been started by a vehicle in a pasture. Source: <http://www.reporternews.com/news/2011/jun/09/dos-amigos-fire-burns-14000-acres-crosses-county/>

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62. *June 10, WAFB 9 Baton Rouge* – (Louisiana) **Only one bay remains open at Morganza Spillway.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers closed another floodgate of the Morganza Spillway near Morganza, Louisiana June 9, leaving only one open. The one open bay is diverting about 15,000 cubic feet of water per second from the Mississippi River into the floodway. At the height of the flood, 17 gates were open, pushing millions of gallons of water per second into the Atchafalaya basin. Officials have not said when they will shut the final bay. Source: <http://www.wafb.com/story/14880742/only-one-bay-remains-open-at-morganza-spillway>

63. *June 10, Dover-New Philadelphia Times Reporter* – (Ohio) **Work on stabilizing Dover Dam continues, Corps official says.** Progress continues at a steady pace on planning and construction for five priority projects to stabilize flood-risk-management dams in the Muskingum River Watershed in Ohio. Work has begun on the initial phase at Dover Dam, and planning and preparation is under way on the four projects, according to the commander of the Huntington, West Virginia, District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which operates the 16 dams in the Muskingum River Watershed. The other projects are at Beach City, Bolivar and Mohawk dams and the Zoar Levee. Located on the Tuscarawas River, north of Dover, off state Route 800, the dam was identified by the Corps as a top priority for safety work. The Corps projects that contracts are expected to be awarded in 2013 for the work at Bolivar Dam in Stark and Tuscarawas counties, in 2015 at Mohawk Dam in Coshocton County, and in 2016 for both Beach City Dam in Stark and Tuscarawas counties, and Zoar Levee in Tuscarawas County.
Source: <http://www.timesreporter.com/communities/x1725644450/Work-on-stabilizing-Dover-Dam-continues-Corps-official-says>
64. *June 10, Salt Lake Tribune* – (Utah) **Homeowners brace for Weber River levee flooding.** Floodwaters in West Warren, Utah continued to rise June 9 after a levee broke, sending water from the Weber River in a different direction. About 7:30 a.m., Weber County officials were refueling six specially ordered diesel pumps to divert the waters when they saw the levee break. Water submerged four pumps, and by noon floodwaters near the levee were a foot above flood stage and climbing. A spokesman for the Weber County Commission said repair crews tried to plug levee holes with giant sandbags, but the swift-moving water washed away the bags. Weber County, the Utah Department of Transportation, and the Utah National Guard are determining how to repair the levee, but it was not known when a solution will be found. In the meantime, authorities tore through four asphalt roads to allow the floodwaters to reach an overflow canal. A Weber County Sheriff's official said water covered 40 to 50 acres June 9, turning what is normally farm ground into shallow pools, and making homes appear as though they had moats.
Source: <http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/51977358-75/county-flood-flooding-floodwaters.html.csp>
65. *June 10, Portage Daily Graphic* – (International) **Storms cue voluntary evacuation in RM of Portage.** Four major storms have brought unusually heavy rains and high winds across southern Manitoba, Canada in the past 4 weeks and a fifth may be on the way. The cumulative effects of the flood and sustained storms are pushing the capacity of Manitoba's flood-protection systems to or beyond their design capacity, the province said in a statement June 9. Work to reinforce the Assiniboine River dikes and the Portage Diversion channel is underway once again, the province said. The province's preliminary estimates show projected flows into the Portage Reservoir could reach 53,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) in the next 7 to 10 days, with up to 34,000 cfs being directed down on the Portage Diversion channel and up to 19,000 cfs along the Assiniboine River dikes, depending on how much rain actually falls. Due to the repeated storms, the diversion is expected to run over its design capacity by up to 9,000

cfs once again. The effect of the high flows on the Assiniboine dikes will also need to be continuously monitored.

Source: <http://www.portagedailygraphic.com/ArticleDisplay.aspx?e=3163648>

66. *June 9, Missoula Missoulian* – (Montana) **Army Corps adding new levees along Clark Fork in Missoula.** Crowds of volunteers loaded sandbags by day, but the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers took over in the evening June 9 west of Missoula, Montana in an effort to keep the Clark Fork River from carving a new channel. A fast-moving flow more than 2 feet deep had already ripped out fences and twisted a garden shed off its foundation near the entrance to a jogging trail at the end of Tower Street. The Corps plan is to build a J-shaped rock barrier near the trail head that should shunt the river current back toward the main channel. The Clark Fork River above Missoula peaked at about 12.7 feet June 9. A side channel of the river had already overtopped sandbags and flowed into basements of several homes in the 25-house subdivision west of Kona Bridge.

Source: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/article_163c890b-d5c1-522b-ae8-f43cb4c45753.html

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