



# Homeland Security

## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 14 June 2011

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- According to Reuters, health officials in Ohio said 8 people were sickened in the state as a result of a growing salmonella outbreak that federal officials said has now spread to 15 states. (See item [29](#))
- IDG News Service reports Siemens has fixed bugs in its Simatic S7 industrial computer systems, used to control machines on factory floors, power stations, and chemical plants. (See item [51](#))

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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* – (Texas) **Exxon’s Texas refinery reports 108,000-pound propylene leak that may have lasted for 8 weeks.** Exxon Mobil Corporation told Texas environmental regulators there was an 8-week-long, 108,000-pound propylene release at the company’s refinery complex near Houston. Exxon reported to regulators a tubing leak was discovered June 2 in the chemical plant portion of the sprawling complex in Baytown. The leak was isolated within a half-hour, but Exxon said the leak may have started April 12. Propylene is a component of ground-level ozone. According

to the report, Exxon is not permitted to release any propylene at the olefins plant. Exxon said it will not comment beyond the report it made to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). The TCEQ said it was investigating the incident. Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/exxons-texas-refinery-reports-108000-pound-propylene-leak-that-may-have lasted-for-8-weeks/2011/06/10/AGFQ4IPH\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/exxons-texas-refinery-reports-108000-pound-propylene-leak-that-may-have lasted-for-8-weeks/2011/06/10/AGFQ4IPH_story.html)

2. *June 10, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **Storms knock out power to more than 50,000.** Baltimore Gas and Electric (BGE) said it has restored power to tens of thousands of customers in central Maryland. The utility said more than 50,000 customers lost power as strong thunderstorms moved through the region late June 9. The majority were in Anne Arundel County, Baltimore city, and Baltimore County. BGE had restored service to more than 48,000 customers by midmorning June 10, while about 6,000 remained in the dark. BGE said the vast majority of customers had electricity back on June 10. Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9NP52AO0.htm>
3. *June 10, Charleston Gazette* – (West Virginia) **GAO finds most plants lack emissions controls.** Dozens of coal-fired power plants across the country lack the most modern pollution controls to limit air emissions linked to respiratory diseases and premature deaths, according to a report issued June 10 by the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO). Most of those plants instead built taller smokestacks, in an effort to disperse their emissions over a broader area — a practice that Congress tried to largely discourage when it amended the Clean Air Act more than 30 years ago, the GAO report said. Requested by a Senate subcommittee, the review focused on issues concerning the use by utilities of taller smokestacks at coal-fired power plants. Tall stacks can be used to help disperse sulfur dioxides, nitrogen oxides and other pollutants, and limit air quality impacts in communities where power plants are located. But, they can also increase the distance pollutants travel, harming air quality in downwind communities. Using Department of Energy data, GAO investigators found 284 “tall smokestacks” operating at 172 coal-fired power plants in 34 states as of December 31, 2010. Of those stacks, 207 are 500 to 699 feet tall, 63 are 700 to 999 feet tall, and the remaining 14 are 1,000 feet or taller. Source: <http://wvgazette.com/News/MiningtheMountains/201106101099>
4. *June 9, Boston Herald* – (Massachusetts) **37,000 without power as T-storms roll out to sea.** A powerful line of thunderstorms marched across Massachusetts and over Boston June 9, reportedly knocking out power to more than 37,000 homes and businesses. In Massachusetts, power outages from the storms were felt from the Berkshires. Thousands of electric utility customers in nearby Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Vermont were also left in the dark by the storm front. National Grid said Hampden was hit hardest with more than 7,300 power users cut off. More than 5,000 outages were also reported in the Berkshires, utility officials said. Source: [http://www.bostonherald.com/news/regional/view/2011\\_0609powerful\\_storms\\_hit\\_w\\_mass/srvc=home&position=also](http://www.bostonherald.com/news/regional/view/2011_0609powerful_storms_hit_w_mass/srvc=home&position=also)

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## Chemical Industry Sector

5. *June 13, Corvallis Gazette-Times* – (Oregon) **Chemical fire in Albany prompts evacuation; no injuries reported.** A chemical fire June 12 at Industrial Welding and Supply in Albany, Oregon, prompted the closure of Pacific Boulevard, and the evacuation of about 250 nearby residents. The Albany Fire Department responded to Industrial Welding and Supply at about 10:24 p.m. to an explosion and fire. Firefighters arrived within 4 minutes and observed several small explosions and fire involving about 360 square feet of piled storage of unknown materials located outside the building. A representative from Industrial Welding responded and identified the burning material as 4,000 to 5,000 pounds of calcium carbide in 200-pound drums. Calcium carbide is a grayish-black lump solid material used to manufacture flammable acetylene gas. The acetylene gas, and a significant amount of heat, is created when the chemical comes in contact with moisture. Acetylene is a flammable gas that can become explosive when mixed with air and exposed to an ignition source. Each 200-pound drum of calcium carbide can produce enough flammable gas to fill seven to eight standard acetylene cylinders. The fire was determined under control at about 1:35 a.m. June 13 The drums of reacted chemical were being allowed to cool under a large canopy that firefighters erected over them to prevent further contact with rain showers that have been passing through the area all night. Firefighters cleared the scene at about 3:12 a.m., and the materials were left to be monitored by Industrial Welding personnel. Source: [http://www.gazettetimes.com/news/local/article\\_f5d5bc3c-95c8-11e0-b816-001cc4c03286.html](http://www.gazettetimes.com/news/local/article_f5d5bc3c-95c8-11e0-b816-001cc4c03286.html)
6. *June 13, Associated Press* – (Connecticut) **Interstate closed by tanker crash.** A tanker truck crash created morning rush hour problems June 13 on Interstate 95 in Stamford, Connecticut. The state department of transportation said I-95 northbound was closed for several hours after the crash that caused a truck to spill methanol on the highway. The highway was closed northbound between exits 6 and 9 as crews worked to clean up the mess, and the backup from the 2:30 a.m. accident stretched for miles during much of the morning rush. The highway was reopened just after 6:30 a.m. Authorities said southbound traffic also was affected as lanes on that side of the highway were closed during the cleanup effort. Source: <http://www.ctpost.com/news/article/Interstate-closed-by-tanker-crash-1421372.php>
7. *June 12, Plainview Daily Herald* – (Texas) **Hwy. 70 wreck injures 7.** A three-vehicle collision on Highway 70 west of Plainview, Texas, sent seven people to area hospitals and closed down traffic for close to 6 hours June 10. According to a department of public safety trooper, the driver of a westbound 2004 Ford F-150 pickup had stopped to make a left turn to retrieve her mail when her pickup was rear-ended by a 1996 Mercury minivan. Upon impact, the minivan spun across the highway into the path of

an eastbound 2007 Freightliner tanker truck. Witnesses said the van and the semi-truck hit virtually head on. The truck, which the Trooper said was carrying approximately 44,000 gallons of liquid carbon dioxide, overturned with the cab landing in the westbound ditch and the tank resting diagonally in the highway on its side, blocking both lanes. The cause of the wreck is under investigation.

Source: [http://www.myplainview.com/news/article\\_a49d8bf4-94b2-11e0-aa1a-001cc4c03286.html](http://www.myplainview.com/news/article_a49d8bf4-94b2-11e0-aa1a-001cc4c03286.html)

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

8. *June 13, Nuclear Street* – (Georgia) **Report warns of potential cost overruns at new Vogtle reactors.** Licensing delays for the new AP1000 reactor design and missed construction milestones threaten the April 2016 deadline for the first of two new reactors planned at Georgia’s Vogtle nuclear plant, a consultant told state regulators. The Associated Press reported June 10 that it acquired the report by a project watchdog hired by state utility regulators. Although Southern Co. immediately responded that project partners can make up the 2-month construction delay and contain project costs, AP quoted the report as saying “the company faces significant challenges in maintaining the project budget forecast at or below the certified amount.” Its approval was scheduled for 2011, but it may be delayed until 2012. The report cites unspecified project milestones that a consortium of companies building the plant did not meet on time. Additionally, it makes note of added costs from project change orders and concerns about the Shaw Modular Solutions components plant in Lake Charles, Louisiana, that is also under evaluation by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). In 2008 Georgia Power applied for a combined NRC license to build and operate the two reactors, which represent the first project of its kind in the United States in three decades. Georgia Power has budgeted \$6.1 billion for its share of construction, which has started at the site. The U.S. President’s administration has approved \$8 billion in federal loan guarantees for the reactors.

Source:

[http://nuclearstreet.com/nuclear\\_power\\_industry\\_news/b/nuclear\\_power\\_news/archive/2011/06/13/report-warns-of-potential-cost-overruns-at-new-vogtle-reactors-061301.aspx](http://nuclearstreet.com/nuclear_power_industry_news/b/nuclear_power_news/archive/2011/06/13/report-warns-of-potential-cost-overruns-at-new-vogtle-reactors-061301.aspx)

9. *June 13, Reuters* – (International) **Eight Fukushima workers over-exposed to radiation.** Japan said six more workers might have exceeded the radiation exposure limits June 13 at a crippled nuclear plant. The health and labor ministry said preliminary results on those workers June 13 would bring the number of workers exceeding the government-set limit to eight. The eight are three control room operators and five who worked to restore power to the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant that was knocked out by the earthquake and tsunami March 11. The government soon after the disaster raised the radiation limit to 250 millisieverts from the standard 100

millisieverts so workers could tackle the emergency.

Source: <http://www.stuff.co.nz/world/asia/5139313/More-Fukushima-workers-may-have-exceeded-radiation-limit>

10. *June 11, Associated Press* – (Nevada; National) **Probe: NRC chief hid information to try to halt work on nuclear waste dump.** The head of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) withheld and manipulated information to stop work on a proposed radioactive waste dump at Yucca Mountain near Las Vegas, Nevada, according to an internal investigation. Requested by Republicans on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, the inquiry said the NRC chairman apparently broke no laws. But the report said he was “not forthcoming” to other commissioners when he decided in October to shut down the technical review of the Energy Department’s application for the underground dump. He called the shutdown of Yucca a complicated issue, and said the report’s findings “reaffirm that my actions have been and remain consistent with established law, guidance and my authorities as chairman.” A senior Republican said the report by the NRC’s inspector general showed the chairman acted improperly. Republicans and many Democrats outside Nevada favor creation of single storage site for nuclear waste, but the Yucca Mountain project is fiercely opposed by Nevada lawmakers. The U.S. President opposed the Yucca Mountain site in the 2008 campaign, and has moved consistently to kill it since taking office in 2009. The license for Yucca, which has been in development for 30 years and cost more than \$15 billion so far, has been in limbo since June 2010, when a licensing board independent of the chairman and the rest of the NRC rejected the Presidential administration’s request to withdraw the project application.

Source: <http://www.theday.com/article/20110611/BIZ03/306119861/-1/BIZ>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

11. *June 10, Associated Press* – (International) **Swedish car maker Saab faces new production standstill, plant temporarily closed next week.** Swedish car maker Saab Automobile AB said its production plant in Trollhattan, Sweden, will be closed the week of June 13 while it negotiates with suppliers to get a stable material flow to the factory. The Spyker-owned auto group the week of June 6 said it expects some startup hiccups after recovering from a longer standstill while looking to secure funding. A Saab spokeswoman said June 10 the plant will be closed the week of June 13, but would not give a definite forecast when production is expected to start again, saying the flow from suppliers must stabilize first.

Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/industries/swedish-car-maker-saab-faces-new-production-standstill-plant-temporarily-closed-next-week/2011/06/10/AG3vOpOH\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/industries/swedish-car-maker-saab-faces-new-production-standstill-plant-temporarily-closed-next-week/2011/06/10/AG3vOpOH_story.html)

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

12. *June 13, Lower Hudson Journal News* – (New York) **Small explosion, fire at Mt. Vernon factory.** Firefighters responded to a blaze about 8:55 a.m. June 12 at 160 S. Terrace Avenue in Mt. Vernon, New York. A fire captain said several people live in two second-floor apartments above the warehouse, where components for the U.S. Navy are made. A small chemical explosion inside a refrigerator caused several nearby objects, including a bookshelf, to catch fire. Nobody was injured. Fire officials said a refrigerator malfunction may have caused the explosion. Electricity was restored and residents were allowed to return several hours later, he said.  
Source: <http://www.lohud.com/article/20110613/NEWS02/106130321/Small-explosion-fire-Mt-Vernon-factory?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|News|s>
  
13. *June 12, Burlington County Times* – (New Jersey) **OSHA cites Florence company.** Burlington County Times reports June 12 the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) cited DC Fabricators for 19 serious safety violations, including allegedly exposing workers to fall hazards, at its 25-acre West Front Street facility in Florence, New Jersey. The agency proposed fines totaling \$82,800. DC Fabricators manufactures nuclear submarine condensers and employs 130 workers, according to federal authorities. OSHA initiated an inspection January 13 as part of its site-specific targeting program for employers with high injury and illness rates. The violations include failing to: provide proper fall protection; provide a standard handrail for stairs that had no more than four risers; provide nylon slings that were not defective, have proper machine and equipment guarding; give proper eye protection; provide protection from rays for employees working near welding operations; ensure that fixed stairs leading to an access door were installed properly; ensure that gas cylinders were secured and stored separately; ensure that equipment was properly adjusted; ensure that an electrical panel box was properly installed; ensure that flexible cords were used properly.  
Source: [http://www.phillyburbs.com/news/local/burlington\\_county\\_times\\_news/osha-cites-florence-manufacturer-for-safety-violations/article\\_d671d270-c0ba-57b8-8a18-e37e8cfbf1c5.html](http://www.phillyburbs.com/news/local/burlington_county_times_news/osha-cites-florence-manufacturer-for-safety-violations/article_d671d270-c0ba-57b8-8a18-e37e8cfbf1c5.html)
  
14. *June 10, Associated Press* – (International) **Feds accuse man of stealing, selling military ammo.** A former employee of a Nevada-based defense contractor has been indicted on charges that he conspired with others to steal U.S. military ammunition in Iraq and then sell it back to Iraqis and U.S. forces. The man was released on his own recognizance after being arrested at his Carson City home and making an initial appearance June 9 in U.S. district court in Reno on charges of conspiracy to defraud the U.S. government and money laundering. A federal grand jury indictment alleges the man was a manager in Baghdad with defense contractor Security Operations Consulting (SOC) in 2007 when he conspired with others to steal and sell the ammo and send cash shipments to the United States via Federal Express or couriers. The man

— whose job was to ensure that all bases of operation in Iraq under contract with SOC had ammunition and other supplies — at times sold the ammunition back to the U.S. and coalition forces effectively requiring the government to pay for the ammunition twice, federal prosecutors contend.

Source: [http://www.journaltimes.com/news/national/article\\_6669aa49-f9c5-5d7e-a96f-4f44e050c680.html](http://www.journaltimes.com/news/national/article_6669aa49-f9c5-5d7e-a96f-4f44e050c680.html)

15. *June 10, Associated Press* – (Tennessee) **Leaking acid causes tanker fire, burns employee at Army ammunition plant in Kingsport.** One person was injured and had to go to the hospital with acid burns when a tanker truck caught fire at the Holston Army Ammunition Plant in Kingsport, Tennessee. The fire started around 11 a.m. June 10 when a tanker at BAE Systems was off-loading nitric acid and a small leak developed. BAE Systems is a defense contractor that operates the Holston facility for the U.S. Army. A Holston spokeswoman told Kingsport Times-News that the leak caused the truck's tires to catch fire, and the employee was burned by the acid and taken to a hospital for treatment. The fire was under control by the afternoon of June 10, and the accident was under investigation.

Source:

<http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/view/story/9353f783ebd24ec1b907b8c4fcdaafb1/TN--Tanker-Fire/>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

16. *June 13, V3.co.uk* – (International) **IMF suffers major sophisticated data breach.** The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has become the latest well-known organization to suffer a major breach of its IT systems, in what some reports have suggested was a spear phishing attack orchestrated by a foreign government. The IMF, which oversees the global financial system and was instrumental in the economic bailout of countries such as Greece, Ireland, and Portugal, said it had suffered “an incident,” but maintained that its fund is “fully functional.” Reports suggested the IMF was forced to cut its network connection to the IT systems of the World Bank, located nearby, after finding that a compromised desktop had been used to access confidential files. Security experts warned that the security of the world's critical infrastructures is at risk unless large organizations better prepare themselves for such sophisticated attacks. The IMF breach comes as hacking attacks on major businesses and governmental organizations are snowballing, with Chinese perpetrators often suspected.

Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2078440/imf-suffers-major-sophisticated-breach>

17. *June 13, HedgeCo.Net* – (International) **Houston hedge fund manager convicted for fraud.** A Houston, Texas-based hedge fund manager was convicted the weekend of

June 11 and 12 by a federal jury for his role in a \$100-million hedge fund fraud scheme with more than 800 victims across the United States and Canada. “The verdict found [the man] guilty of a \$100 million fraud and stealing the life savings of elderly retirees and hundreds of others who have seen everything they worked years for disappear,” said a U.S. attorney. On September 7, 2010, a federal grand jury returned an 18-count indictment against the man and two other principals of hedge fund A&O Resource Management Ltd. and various related entities that acquired and marketed life settlements to investors. The man was convicted on all counts, he faces up to 20 years for each count.

Source: <http://www.hedgeco.net/news/06/2011/huston-hedge-fund-manager-convicted-for-fraud.html>

18. *June 11, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **2 charged in 2010 bomb-threat bank heist try.** Two 21-year-old Orland Park, Illinois men have been charged in a bomb threat and attempted bank robbery in 2010 in the southwest suburb, police announced June 11. The attempted robbery took place August 20, 2010 when someone made a bomb threat to the Chase Bank at 15100 LaGrange Road, police said in a news release. Officers were told a suitcase was placed next to the building and bank personnel had been told it contained instructions to follow. Officers cleared the bank and surrounding area because of the bomb threat, and called in the Cook County Bomb Squad. Police found a note in the suitcase that told the Chase Bank manager to put \$4 million into the suitcase and deliver it to Union Station. If the money was not delivered, the note said, “several bombs surrounding the bank and in the suitcase would be triggered,” according to the police release.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/chibrknews-2-charged-in-2010-bombthreat-bank-heist-try-20110611,0,6291541.story>

19. *June 10, KPTV 12 Portland* – (Oregon) **Police: ‘Beastie Boys Bandit’ strikes again.** A man known as the “Beastie Boys Bandit” has struck again in Portland, Oregon, police said June 10. Portland officers said the man tried to rob a Wells Fargo bank on Southwest Macadam Avenue June 9. Investigators said he did not get away with any cash. Police believe the man is the same person responsible for a string of robberies in March. Investigators said the thief wears a wig, fake mustache, and dark-colored suit similar to an outfit in the Beasties Boys’ “Sabotage” music video.

Source: <http://www.kptv.com/news/28198468/detail.html>

20. *June 10, Reuters* – (Colorado) **Elderly woman uses AIDS threat to rob Colorado bank: police.** An elderly woman robbed a Colorado bank by passing a note saying she would infect a teller with AIDS if the clerk did not hand over money, police said June 10. A spokesman for the Longmont, Colorado police department said detectives are searching for a pale woman between the ages of 55 and 75 with a “boney build.” He said a woman, who was wearing a train conductor’s cap and a gray sweatshirt, walked into a Wells Fargo bank inside a Safeway grocery store June 9 and handed a note to a teller. “She indicated she had AIDS and would give it to a teller if she didn’t cooperate,” he said. The woman coughed frequently into a blue bandana during the robbery, and fled with an undisclosed amount of cash, he said. No weapon was

displayed during the robbery, and no one was injured, police said.  
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/06/10/us-aids-robbery-idUSTRE7596WT20110610>

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## **Transportation Sector**

21. *June 13, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **Woman in custody after threat on Metro’s red line.** Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Metro) train service has been restored following a bomb threat that led authorities to evacuate a station in Rockville, Maryland. A Metro spokesman said June 13 police had detained a woman who threatened that she had an explosive device. The report of the threat came in about 7:30 a.m. at the Rockville station. Authorities evacuated the station and closed nearby streets. The spokesman said the woman made the threat as she was exiting the train, but that officials found no evidence of an explosive device. The bomb threat disrupted service along a stretch of Metro’s red line, but officials said trains were running again by 10 a.m.

Source: <http://thedailyrecord.com/2011/06/13/woman-in-custody-after-threat-on-metros-red-line/>

22. *June 13, Associated Press* – (International) **Some flights resume in Melbourne after ash cloud strands 60,000 in Australia, New Zealand.** Airlines started flying a backlog of thousands of stranded passengers to and from Australia’s second-largest city June 13 as ash from a Chilean volcano began to clear after forcing hundreds of cancellations. Most flights between Australia and New Zealand, however, remained grounded due to the drifting cloud of fine grit, which can damage airplane engines. Australia’s Bureau of Meteorology said the ash cloud was large enough to continue disrupting flights. Several flights to and from Melbourne, the island state of Tasmania, and New Zealand were canceled June 12 after the ash moved across the Pacific from Chile, where it has been spewing from the Cordon Caulle volcano since June 4. In total, more than 60,000 passengers were stranded by the disruptions, which came amid a 3-day holiday weekend in Australia. Qantas estimated it could take 24 to 48 hours to clear just the Melbourne backlog.

Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia-pacific/some-flights-resume-in-melbourne-after-ash-cloud-stranded-55000-in-australia-new-zealand/2011/06/13/AGdhJiSH\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia-pacific/some-flights-resume-in-melbourne-after-ash-cloud-stranded-55000-in-australia-new-zealand/2011/06/13/AGdhJiSH_story.html)

23. *June 13, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **Iowa railroad finds switch had been tampered with.** Railroad officials said someone tampered with a switch near Menlo, Iowa to try and derail a train. The Iowa Interstate Railroad’s chief operating officer told Des Moines television station KCCI 8 that the switch box was broken into the morning of June 12. It sits about a quarter of a mile west of Menlo, which is about 40 miles west of Des Moines. The railroad official said a train went through the area and a crew member noticed there was something wrong with the switch. The dispatch office was notified, and a following train was stopped short of Menlo. He said the tampering would have

caused a train to derail. The FBI is helping the Iowa State Patrol and the Guthrie County Sheriff's Office with the investigation.

Source: <http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/article/Iowa-railroad-finds-switch-had-been-tampered-with-1421433.php>

24. *June 11, Associated Press* – (National) **Data center power outage affecting US Airways.** A power outage near one of US Airways' data centers in Phoenix, Arizona has grounded or delayed numerous flights nationwide, but officials at the Tempe-based carrier could not immediately say how many flights or passengers were affected. They said the computer systems outage affected its Web site and airport computer systems around the country. An airline spokeswoman said some computer systems were coming back online the evening of June 10. She did not have any information on when the outage occurred or what caused it or when the problem would be completely resolved. Officials at Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport said the power outage led to long lines at ticket counters. They said the outage happened in mid-afternoon and passengers could not make reservations, check in online, change their flights, or check flight status. Source: <http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jROI6U7ytpj1zEK50Qg0Dx-K6xTA?docId=4198c64a1364431ea22fb8d994b1e2ad>
25. *June 10, Pacific Business News* – (Hawaii) **TSA to fire 30+ baggage screeners at Honolulu airport.** The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) announced June 10 that it plans to fire more than 30 of its employees working at Honolulu International Airport in Hawaii, and suspend an additional 12 workers following an investigation of alleged improper baggage screening. The investigation, which began in late 2010, found that some checked baggage during one shift at an unspecified area of the airport was not screened properly, according to a TSA statement. The alleged misconduct affected a "limited number" of flights daily during the last few months of 2010, according to the statement. A number of the officers were put in nonsecurity-related positions earlier in 2011 due to the investigation. Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/pacific/news/2011/06/10/tsa-to-fire-30-baggage-screeners-at.html>
26. *June 10, Associated Press* – (Georgia) **Feds order Ga. bus service shut down for 2nd time.** Federal regulators have shut down a Georgia-based charter bus service for the second time since 2009, saying the company changed its name to avoid a previous order to cease operations because of safety violations. U.S. Department of Transportation regulators filed a written order June 9 against JCT Motor Coach Inc., saying the metro Atlanta bus service poses an "imminent hazard to public safety" and keeps its three buses "in a mechanically unsafe operating condition which, if driven, substantially increase the likelihood of serious injury or death." Regulators said the bus service operated under a different name, JT's Travel and Charter, until 2009 after the company was ordered to shut down following citations for four safety violations since 2000. Several of the citations said the company had failed to require its drivers to submit to drug tests. To avoid penalties, regulators said, the company resumed doing

business as JCT Motor Coach.

Source: [http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci\\_18248982?nclick\\_check=1](http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_18248982?nclick_check=1)

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

27. *June 10, WGAL 8 Lancaster* – (Pennsylvania) **Suspicious packages — a lunch box ... and a toolbox.** Police shut down portions of two downtown areas in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania boroughs June 10 as they investigated suspicious packages. In Lititz, a package was found in the middle of the sidewalk in front of the Lititz Borough Office on South Broad Street around 7:30 a.m. The bomb squad was called to the scene and checked the package out. It turned out to be a lunchbox. Police said they think it might have been left there by someone using a nearby bus stop. In Manheim Borough, the first block of South Main Street was closed as investigators there checked a suspicious package at a U.S. Post Office branch. A post office employee called police around 7:30 a.m. to report a package was sitting at the rear of the building near a collection box. Police evacuated some residents from the area and set up a perimeter. Traffic was diverted. The Pennsylvania State Police Hazardous Device and Explosive Section responded and determined the suspicious package was an empty toolbox.

Source: <http://www.wgal.com/r/28194631/detail.html>

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

28. *June 13, WNYW 5 New York* – (Florida) **Flaming dessert injures four at restaurant.** Four people were recovering June 12 from burns they suffered when a flaming dessert exploded June 11 at a Florida restaurant. The incident occurred around 7 p.m. at the Ozona Blue Grilling Co. restaurant in Palm Harbor, about 27 miles northwest of Tampa. A server who was preparing Bananas Foster — a flaming dessert that includes bananas, ice cream, rum, and banana liqueur — used too much alcohol when making the dish, prompting the explosion, a Palm Harbor Fire and Rescue spokesperson said. An off-duty firefighter was at the restaurant at the time of the explosion and provided care for the four people who were injured until fire officials arrived. Two of the burned patrons were flown to a Tampa hospital for treatment, and two others were treated at the restaurant.

Source: <http://www.myfoxny.com/dpp/news/flaming-dessert-injures-four-at-restaurant-20110613>

29. *June 13, Reuters* – (Ohio; National) **Salmonella outbreak linked to Ohio sickens 39 nationwide.** Health officials in Ohio said June 9 that eight people had been sickened in the state as a result of a growing salmonella outbreak that federal officials say has now spread to 15 states. The Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Department of

Agriculture said the outbreak appeared to be linked to Mt. Healthy Hatchery, which supplies chicks and ducklings to an unnamed nationwide agricultural feedstore. The two businesses have been working with state and federal investigators looking into the outbreak, Ohio officials said. In addition to the eight cases in Ohio, the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention said 31 people have become ill with salmonella as a result of this outbreak in Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Maryland, Minnesota, North Carolina, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Virginia.

Source: <http://www.mnn.com/food/healthy-eating/stories/salmonella-outbreak-linked-to-ohio-sickens-39-nationwide>

30. *June 12, Sierra Vista Herald* – (Arizona; National) **Another two horses test positive for virus.** Two more Arizona horses tested positive for equine herpes virus, or EHV-1, one with the EHM or neurological variant, according to a local equine veterinarian. The veterinarian, whose practice is Southern Arizona Equine, sent an e-mail to clients June 11 advising them of the latest two cases. The virus was first reported at a cutting horse competition in Ogden, Utah, in late April and has spread to other states from a few horses that contracted it. The spread of the virus has been somewhat contained through coordinated quarantine efforts and event cancellations throughout western states. The National Cutting Horse Association notified state animal health officials of horses that were entered in the event and may have been exposed to the virus. In turn, state animal health officials contacted owners of potentially exposed horses. While the outbreak is on the decline, intermittent cases across the western United States continue to be reported, she said. The following information is the most current EHV-1 incidence update provided by the U.S. Department Agriculture. Primary exposed horses — exposed at the Ogden, Utah, event: 32 EHV-1 cases; 26 EHM or neurologic cases; and 10 dead or euthanized cases. Secondary and tertiary exposed horses: 23 EHV-1 cases; 7 EHM cases; and 2 dead or euthanized cases. To date, 19 states are reporting horses with primary exposure to EHV-1 after participating in the Utah event, for a total of 421 exposed animals.
- Source: <http://www.svherald.com/content/news/2011/06/12/another-two-horses-test-positive-virus>

31. *June 12, Milford Daily News* – (Massachusetts) **Health concerns at Poland Springs bottling plant in Framingham.** Concerned about a 500 percent increase in water quality complaints, the state of Massachusetts and town of Framingham are monitoring Nestle’s Poland Spring bottling plant. State and town inspectors first visited the facility in April, looking for the cause of unpleasant taste, odor and sickness reported by some Poland Spring home and office delivery customers. Nestle has identified the source as a bacteria that regulators said poses aesthetic concerns, but no health threat. Nestle said it has taken steps to correct the problem. Stamford, Connecticut-based Nestle Waters told officials they have noticed a sharp increase in complaints over the past year about water bottled in Framingham. The complaints represent only .03 percent of all the bottles produced at the Framingham plant, or 3 in 10,000. Nestle said it found elevated levels of heterotrophic plate count bacteria, which naturally occurs in water and is not regulated. It also found “very low” levels of volatile organic compounds, a byproduct. In an April letter to the town, Nestle cited statements from the World Health

Organization, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and U.S. Food and Drug Administration about the bacteria being harmless.

Source: <http://www.milforddailynews.com/features/x1732973458/Health-concerns-at-Poland-Springs-bottling-plant-in-Framingham>

32. *June 11, Associated Press* – (International) **Germany: Outbreak waning, but more deaths possible.** Germany’s health minister said he is hopeful the worst of an E. coli outbreak blamed on sprouts is over — but he warned that the number of deaths, now at 33, may still increase. The comments came after health officials announced June 10 that they had traced the outbreak to sprouts from a farm in northern Germany. They also lifted a warning against eating cucumbers, tomatoes, and lettuce, which initially had been suspected as possible culprits. The E. coli outbreak, the world’s deadliest, has sickened nearly 3,100 people — most of them in Germany — and prompted many in Europe to shun vegetables over recent weeks. Health officials said they tracked the bacteria’s path from hospital patients struggling with diarrhea and kidney failure, to restaurants where they had dined, to specific meals and ingredients they ate, and then back to a single farm. Also June 10, officials in Germany’s North Rhine-Westphalia state said tests had found the deadly E. coli strain in a bag of sprouts from the farm that was in the garbage of a family near Cologne, two of whose members had been sickened.

Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/nation-world/germany-outbreak-waning-but-973790.html>

33. *June 11, Knoxville News Sentinel* – (Tennessee) **Market Square Soccer Taco evacuated, workers treated for carbon monoxide poisoning.** Five people, including Soccer Taco workers in Market Square in Knoxville, Tennessee, were taken to the University of Tennessee Medical Center June 11 for treatment from carbon monoxide poisoning. A Knoxville Fire Department spokesman said the department was called to Market Square for a medical call. When they arrived, they found a construction worker that had been working in the basement of Soccer Taco with a gas-powered concrete saw. The worker was overcome with carbon monoxide poisoning and was transported to the hospital. Authorities evacuated the building while they tested the amount of carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide levels were at 200 parts per million (ppm) — a normal reading in a business that size would be up to 29 ppm. Firefighters used a positive pressure fan to ventilate the toxic fumes from the building. The restaurant was closed for about 2 hours before it was reopened.

Source: <http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2011/jun/11/market-square-soccer-taco-evacuated-workers-treat/>

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## Water Sector

34. *June 10, Examiner.com* – (West Virginia) **Weirton, WV under state of emergency due to major water main break.** Weirton, West Virginia, a small steel town of about 28,000 people, and 30 miles north of Wheeling, in the Northern Panhandle, was under a

State of Emergency June 10 due to a major water main break at its water plant. Restaurant parking lots were empty and grocery store deli's were shut down by order of the Hancock County Health Department, due to lack of water to clean up. There was a boil water order.

Source: <http://www.examiner.com/senior-issues-in-wheeling/weirton-wv-under-state-of-emergency-due-to-major-water-main-break>

35. *June 10, Wooster Daily Record* – (Ohio) **Water line breaks boil alert in effect until afternoon.** A water line break June 8 near the old water plant was the cause of a boil alert to go into effect for the southern part of Wooster, Ohio. Vast swaths of the city were under the boil alert, which was expected to be in effect until the afternoon of June 10. The utilities director said calls started coming in to the water plant at about 10:19 p.m. City crews were out looking for a sizable break around the city but could not locate anything. The break was discovered at the corner of Old Lincoln Way and state Route 302 — the site of the old city water plant. The utilities director said a 16-inch capped line broke near one of the joints. As a result, when the cap blew out, the tank lost water and several customers saw a drop in pressure, or none at all. A cautionary boil alert was issued for the city south of Bowman Street, west of Mechanicsburg Road, and north of Secrest Road.

Source: <http://www.the-daily-record.com/news/article/5048318>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

36. *June 13, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* – (Pennsylvania) **Oxygen leak closes Frick Hospital emergency room.** Excelsa Health Frick Hospital's emergency room was temporarily closed to incoming patients June 11 after thousands of gallons of liquid oxygen were released outside the Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania, facility. The hospital issued a Code Black after the valve on one of the hospital's oxygen tanks malfunctioned about 11:50 p.m. Authorities were able to seal the leak, and no patients were evacuated. An Excelsa spokeswoman said that during the ER closure, new patients would have been diverted to other Excelsa facilities. The call originally came in as a report of an explosion, the borough fire chief said. He said hospital personnel moved some patients from the south wing, which was closest to the area with the leak. Hospital operations returned to normal by about 2 a.m., an Excelsa spokeswoman said.

Source:

[http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/westmoreland/s\\_741834.html](http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/westmoreland/s_741834.html)

37. *June 11, WDTN 2 Dayton* – (Ohio) **Man opens fire at Wright-Patt Med. Center.** At approximately 6:30 p.m. June 11, base security forces responded to a situation involving an armed individual in the Wright-Patterson Medical Center, in Wright-Patterson Air Force Base near Dayton, Ohio. Initial reports indicate a single shot was fired in the emergency room. Specially trained 88th Security Forces responded to the

scene, apprehended the suspect and secured the medical center. The individual is in custody. No injuries were reported. The incident is under investigation and more details will be released as they become available.

Source: <http://www.wdtn.com/dpp/news/man-opens-fire-at-wright-patt-med.-center>

38. *June 10, Associated Press* – (Hawaii) **Kona emergency room evacuated after chemical leak.** A Big Island emergency room in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, was evacuated and closed for several hours after an apparent leak of a chemical used in the hospital's morgue and laboratory. Kona Community Hospital employees reported smelling a strong odor in the emergency room June 8, prompting an evacuation of about 35 people. West Hawaii Today reported June 9 six patients and seven staff members overcome by fumes were treated in other areas of the hospital. There were no serious injuries. A fire department hazardous materials team deemed the area safe after checking air and flammability levels. The captain told the newspaper the exposure occurred when xylene was being transferred between containers.

Source: [http://www.necn.com/06/10/11/Kona-emergency-room-evacuated-after-chem/landing\\_nation.html?&blockID=3&apID=f19c7b64f4ad48e39f1a19c4aed2efd4](http://www.necn.com/06/10/11/Kona-emergency-room-evacuated-after-chem/landing_nation.html?&blockID=3&apID=f19c7b64f4ad48e39f1a19c4aed2efd4)

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

39. *June 13, WFMZ 69 Allentown* – (Pennsylvania) **Water valve bursts; several floors of government building damaged.** A hot water valve burst on the sixth floor of the Berks County Services Center in Reading, Pennsylvania, June 12, a county commissioner said. Water from the broken valve flooded the 2nd through 6th floors, damaging several courtrooms, judges' chambers, and county offices. County employees are working with a private contractor to clean up the mess. The work includes vacuuming, removing tiles, and spraying for mold. Department heads are also assessing the damage done to documents and files in the domestic relations office on the 6th floor, the district attorney's office on the 5th floor, and the assessment offices on the 3rd floor. Water also reached the auditorium on the 2nd floor.

Source: <http://www.wfmz.com/berksnews/28219632/detail.html>

40. *June 13, CNN* – (International) **Killing of embassy bombings mastermind deprives al Qaeda of key figure.** At 12 a.m. June 7, two men were traveling in a black four-wheel drive vehicle through the Somali capital, Mogadishu. One was the most wanted terrorist in Africa. He had survived more than a decade on the run, at least one attempt on his life, and a \$5 million price on his head for planning the 1998 attacks on the U.S. embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania that killed hundreds of people, including 12 Americans. The suspect was killed but to begin with the Somali security forces had no idea who he was. Only when they discovered cell phones, a South African passport, a substantial amount of cash, and a laptop did they realize this was someone of significance. A sample of his DNA was sent to Nairobi, Kenya, where

U.S. officials confirmed his identity.

Source: <http://edition.cnn.com/2011/WORLD/africa/06/13/somalia.mastermind/>

41. *June 12, Cincinnati Enquirer* – (Ohio) **Fire that damaged school likely arson.** A fire that began June 12 on a bench outside Winton Hills Academy in Cincinnati, Ohio, and spread to the outside of at least one classroom was probably intentionally set, the district fire chief said. There were no estimates of financial damage at the Winneste Avenue school, but the district fire chief said there was a lot of water damage. Tables and chairs and some children's artwork were soaked in a room with a charred window casing where the glass was broken out. Two plastic children's slides also had large holes burned into them, though the slides are not next to the building. The district fire chief said the fire is under investigation and pointed to a mounted video camera that had been trained on the now-blackened bench next to the school.  
Source: <http://news.cincinnati.com/article/20110612/NEWS010701/110612020/Fire-damaged-school-likely-arson?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|FRONTPAGE>

42. *June 10, WVIR 29 Charlottesville* – (Virginia) **Smoke forces school evacuation.** A power surge caused an electrical malfunction at Stony Point Elementary School in Albemarle County, Virginia, about 11:30 a.m. June 10. Smoke filled the boiler room. The building had to be evacuated. Students had left the building about 10 minutes prior to the incident. Firefighters had to ventilate the room and get the smoke out. Part of the building was without power for the afternoon. No one was injured.  
Source: <http://www.nbc29.com/story/14883911/stony-point-smoke>

43. *June 10, WCNC 36 Charlotte* – (North Carolina) **High school junior charged after making bomb threat.** A Hough High School junior was charged June 10 in Cornelius, North Carolina with threatening to bomb his school. Investigators also said the bomb threat came a couple days after they interviewed the teen about recent arsons in a nearby neighborhood, including one that destroyed a house. Police said the suspect planned to bomb the school June 18, but they don't know how or why. According to a search warrant, the teen reiterated his intentions when a counselor asked about it.  
Source: <http://www.wcnc.com/home/Hough-high-junior-charged-after-making-bomb-threat-123658704.html>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

44. *June 11, Examiner.com* – (North Carolina) **Raleigh 9-1-1 center having trouble receiving Verizon calls.** According to a City of Raleigh, North Carolina, press release, Verizon Wireless calls were being delivered June 10 without voice audio, leading Raleigh-Wake County Emergency Communications Center (RWECC) telecommunicators to treat these as hang-up calls. When dialing, Verizon customers may have had no idea that they had actually connected to the RWECC, and that

telecommunicators heard only silence. A Verizon spokeswoman said the problem was an isolated incident involving a scheduled software upgrade. All service was restored by the afternoon on June 9, she said. This was not limited to just Verizon, either. WRAL-TV 5 Raleigh reported that AT&T, Earthlink Business, TW Telecom, and Sprint were also interrupted for a short time.

Source: <http://www.examiner.com/top-news-in-raleigh/raleigh-9-1-1-center-having-trouble-receiving-verizon-calls>

45. *June 10, Emergency Management* – (National) **Airline emergency communication goes Wi-Fi.** A new Web-based communication service will soon help airline personnel securely connect in real-time with government officials in an emergency. Called Inflight 911 Services, the technology allows flight staff to use an aircraft's Wi-Fi Internet connection to exchange text-based messages across a secure network in the event radio communications are down, or if there is trouble contacting the ground. Messages are simultaneously delivered to individuals in federal agencies and an administrative team at Inflight 911 Services. The service is designed to be used on mobile devices such as iPads, smartphones, and laptop computers, so whether in the cockpit or in the cabin, emergency messages can be sent quickly, allowing responders more time to react to a situation.

Source: <http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/Airline-Emergency-Communication-Wi-Fi-061011.html>

46. *June 10, KTVK 3 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **Bomb call sparks officer-involved shooting at hotel.** Police are investigating an early morning officer-involved shooting that started with a 911 call about a bomb exploding at the Clarion Hotel near Scottsdale Fashion Square in Scottsdale, Arizona June 10. It all started shortly after 4:30 a.m. with a 911 call from a guest at the hotel. That man told the operator a bomb had gone off and requested a police response, a sergeant with the Scottsdale Police Department said. As officers responded, the man made a second 911 call. He once again said a bomb had gone off and asked where the police were. Two officers were directed to the man's second-floor room and when they knocked, the man allegedly fired through the door. As the officers took cover, the man came out of the room and confronted them. He was armed with a semi-automatic pistol, police said. One officer, an 8-year veteran of the force, returned fire. While the suspect was hit in the torso, he was not incapacitated, and took off running. Officers chased the man through the parking lot and into a parking lot of a business next door to the hotel. When confronted a second time, the man gave up; officers arrested him with no further incident, police said.

Source: <http://www.azfamily.com/news/local/Officers-shoot-suspect-at-Scottsdale-hotel-123611309.html>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

47. *June 13, IDG News Service* – (International) **PlayBook OS updated after Adobe Flash security issue.** A new version of the BlackBerry Tablet OS will soon be

available to all BlackBerry PlayBook tablet users, to address a security issue raised by Adobe about its Flash Player, Research In Motion said June 12. The new version of the operating system, version 1.0.5.2342, will contain an updated version of the Flash Player, RIM said in a blog post. Adobe issued an update the week of June 6 for its Flash Player to deal with a cross-site scripting vulnerability. The problem could be exploited to perform actions on behalf of a BlackBerry PlayBook tablet user on any Web site or Web mail provider if the user visits a malicious Web site that loads Adobe Flash content, RIM said on a support page. The PlayBook's operating system is built from the ground up to run Adobe Flash.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9217557/PlayBook\\_OS\\_updated\\_after\\_Adobe\\_Flash\\_security\\_issue](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9217557/PlayBook_OS_updated_after_Adobe_Flash_security_issue)

48. *June 13, Softpedia* – (International) **Epic Games forum hack prompts password resets.** Epic Games has reset passwords across its entire forum after hackers got access to the underlying database. An announcement of the hack posted on the forum the week of June 6 includes a message from the Epic Games CEO that reads: “Our Epic Games web sites and forums were recently hacked. We’re working on getting them back up and running, and expect everything to be restored in a few days. The hackers likely obtained the email addresses and encrypted passwords of forum users. Plain text passwords weren’t revealed, but short or common passwords could be obtained by brute-force attack. Therefore, we are resetting all passwords. If you have an account on the Epic Games forums, you can request to receive your new password by email to the address we have on file for you.” It appeared the forum was reset to a previous state and everyone will have to repost anything posted since June 6. Accounts registered during this period also must be recreated. Unreal Developer Network was not compromised, and none of the site store sensitive financial or customer data. Epic Games is best known for creating the Unreal game engine.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Epic-Games-Forum-Hack-Prompts-Password-Resets-205782.shtml>

49. *June 11, Softpedia* – (International) **LulzSec leaks over 26k new emails and passwords.** LulzSec leaked over 26,000 e-mail addresses and plain text passwords stolen from the database of an adult Web site. After dumping the data online, the group encouraged people to try the log-in credentials on Facebook and tell the victims’ family members how they signed up for the adult site. Word of the potential abuse quickly reached Facebook’s security team, which forced password resets for all accounts corresponding to those e-mail addresses. LulzSec noted here were a number of .gov and .mil e-mail addresses registered on the compromised site, as well as some 55 accounts belonging to admins of other adult portals. LulzSec also published the personal information (dox) of executive officers and other employees from vulnerability research company Endgame Systems and anti-DDoS solutions provider Prolexic Technologies. The dox included information about these individuals themselves, their spouses, children, and other family members, and their respective social media accounts.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/LulzSec-Leaks-Over-26K-New-Emails-and-Passwords-205548.shtml>

50. *June 11, Softpedia* – (International) **CO.TV free domain provider abused in Google News BHSEO campaign.** Security researchers from cloud security provider Zscaler have come across a Google News black hat SEO campaign that uses numerous co(dot)tv rogue domains. The targeted keywords are related to an actor's departure from a popular television series. The news generated noticeable attention online the week of June 6, and was apparently popular enough for cyber crooks to try and exploit. Experts note search results poisoning has moved away from the traditional Web search and towards complementary services such as image search or news search. This switch has also been influenced by the fact Google has gotten better at preventing the rogue links from appearing at the top of its search results. However, Google has not paid the same attention to the other types of searches it offers. Black hat SEO attacks involve the creation of keyword-riddled pages on compromised domains and leveraging their Google rank to push the links at the top of the results for particular topics.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/CO-TV-Free-Domain-Provider-Abused-in-Google-News-BHSEO-Campaign-205566.shtml>

51. *June 10, IDG News Service* – (International) **Siemens fixes industrial flaws found by hacker.** Siemens has fixed bugs in its Simatic S7 industrial computer systems, used to control machines on factory floors, power stations, and chemical plants. The patches, released June 10, mark Siemens' first response to a high-profile computer security incident since the Stuxnet worm, which was discovered a year ago circulating on computer networks in Iran. Siemens fixed a pair of flaws in the S7-1200 controller, acknowledging that one could be leveraged to take control of the system using what's known as a replay attack. A second flaw, in a Web server that ships with the device, could give attackers a way to crash the system. However, the attacker would have to first find a way onto the victim's network before launching these attacks. Siemens had been scrambling to fix the bugs since they were discovered earlier this year by a researcher with security vendor NSS Labs.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9217547/Siemens\\_fixes\\_industrial\\_flaws\\_found\\_by\\_hacker](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9217547/Siemens_fixes_industrial_flaws_found_by_hacker)

52. *June 9, threatpost* – (International) **Hackers pinch obfuscation technique from DEFCON presentation.** The week of June 6, a Kaspersky Lab researcher blogged about a new code obfuscation technique she discovered while analyzing a Polish e-commerce Web site that had been compromised. The technique was first demonstrated at the DEFCON 16 security conference in 2008. While analyzing some of the PHP scripts running on the site to try to discover how the attackers were inserting malicious links into the site's Web pages, the researcher discovered a new technique the attackers used to hide their work: using a mix of non-printing characters, particularly, spaces and tabs to "write" the name of a malicious URL that was then inserted, as a link, into the e-commerce sites HTML pages. "The function splits this whitespace mix into 8-digit pieces, and then it changes all TAB chars into '1' and all spaces into '0'," she wrote.

That leaves the hacker with binary code, which is later transformed into decimal values and printed as the final URL using ASCII characters.

Source: [http://threatpost.com/en\\_us/blogs/hackers-pinch-obfuscation-technique-defcon-presentation-060911](http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/hackers-pinch-obfuscation-technique-defcon-presentation-060911)

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### **Internet Alert Dashboard**

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at [sos@us-cert.gov](mailto: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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### **Commercial Facilities Sector**

53. *June 12, Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel* – (Florida) **Miami Beach hotel evacuated after water pipe leak floods lobby.** A Claremont Hotel on Collins Avenue in Miami, Florida, was evacuated after a water pipe sprung a leak June 12, causing parts of the lobby ceiling to fall apart, a spokesman for Miami Beach Fire Rescue said. Guests staying in the hotel were relocated to a hotel four blocks away, he said. The sprinkler water pipe between the first and second floor burst June 12, causing ceiling tiles to fall and flooding the lobby. There was “a lot of water coming down” into the lobby, the spokesman said. No one was injured, but fire crews insisted that all guests and employees evacuate in case exposed wiring electrified the water.

Source: [http://articles.sun-sentinel.com/2011-06-12/news/fl-miami-beach-hotel-evacuated-20110612\\_1\\_water-pipe-leak-guests-and-employees](http://articles.sun-sentinel.com/2011-06-12/news/fl-miami-beach-hotel-evacuated-20110612_1_water-pipe-leak-guests-and-employees)

54. *June 12, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Apparent chemical leak keeps water park closed.** A popular northern Virginia water park remained closed June 12 as officials investigated an apparent chemical leak that sent six children to the hospital. Signal Bay Water Park in Manassas Park was evacuated June 11 after reports of a chemical smell and the appearance of a yellow plume in a shallow pool intended for young children. Medics checked out at least a dozen children, some of whom vomited. The Manassas Park city manager said six were hospitalized, and one was kept overnight for observation. He said he expected the outdoor water park to reopen the weekend of June 18 and 19 as scheduled. He said a technician will be checking the water system the week of June 13 to figure out what went wrong and fix it.

Source: <http://www.stamfordadvocate.com/news/article/Apparent-chemical-leak-keeps-water-park-closed-1420882.php>

55. *June 11, Agence France-Presse* – (International) **Woman hurt in blast at Ikea store in Germany.** An explosive device went off in an Ikea furniture store in the German city of Dresden June 10, slightly injuring one person, a police spokesman told Agence France-Presse June 11. At the end of May, several small booby-trapped packages exploded in Ikea stores in France, Belgium, and The Netherlands, with no claim of responsibility. At least one woman suffered damage to her eardrum in the June 10 blast in the kitchen showroom part of the store, a police spokesman said. The explosion went off during the store's opening hours, a spokeswoman for Ikea in Germany said. But the police official said it was too early to say whether the latest blast had any connection with the May 30 explosions in the Belgian city of Ghent, Eindhoven in The Netherlands, and Lille, in France. No one was hurt in any of the blasts, which caused no damage. An Ikea spokeswoman in Sweden said those explosions had been caused by small fireworks devices.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5jOUXEUStf9S3wVTfnWGXmRqmFWfA?docId=CNG.a8cea2d57046b5a32d61242ebc0ad8cc.5e1>

56. *June 11, WFMZ 69 Allentown; CNN* – (Pennsylvania) **Three people shocked at city fair.** Three people were recovering June 11, after getting zapped by a powerful jolt of electricity at a fair in Wilson, Pennsylvania. "We were in midst of a strong thunderstorm, they were climbing from one part of the road to the midway," the Wilson Borough police chief said. He said two men were climbing over a now out of commission game trailer and were shocked. Then, a deputy officer came over to help, and he was shocked too. One of the men was knocked unconscious, and all three were taken to the hospital. A state ride inspector deemed all the rides to be safe, after inspecting each one. The Wilson Borough Fire chief said the electrical jolt did not come from lighting but from the trailers possible faulty electrical wiring. The men were listed in stable condition, and the deputy officer is expected back to work once he is released from the hospital.

Source: <http://www.kplctv.com/story/14886723/three-people-shocked-city-fair>

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

57. *June 13, KKTU 11 Colorado Springs* – (Colorado; New Mexico) **Wildfire in NM keeps Raton Pass closed Monday.** Interstate 25 was closed June 13 over Raton Pass because of a large wildfire burning just south of the Colorado border with New Mexico. The Track Fire has now grown to 2,700 acres. About 200 structures, both residential and commercial, were threatened by the fire. The fire started on the west side of Interstate 25 and jumped to the east side June 12. It was moving north toward the

Colorado/New Mexico state line, and also to the east-south east toward Raton, Sugarite State Park, and Bartlett Mesa. There were evacuations in northern Raton, north of I-25, and north of County Road 72. Sugarite State Park was also evacuated. Drivers on southbound I-25 were being stopped at mile marker 11. Local traffic was still permitted to use the interstate, but no one was allowed to cross the state line. The fire was burning actively in pinon and juniper in rugged terrain.

Source: <http://www.kktv.com/home/headlines/123716349.html>

58. *June 13, Associated Press* – (Arizona; New Mexico) **A break in Ariz. wildfire siege.** About 7,000 residents of two eastern Arizona towns evacuated the week of June 6 as a wildfire burned nearby were allowed to return home June 12 as officials expressed confidence that they were making headway in battling the huge fire, which has been burning since May. “Fire officials feel confident that these areas are safe,” an Apache County Sheriff’s commander said, referring to the towns of Springerville and Eagar. Firefighters remained in both towns, mopping up hot spots and guarding against flare-ups. About 2,700 others who live in resort communities in the Apache and Sitgreaves National Forests remained under an evacuation order. Officials felt confident June 12 they were close to controlling the 693-square-mile inferno, which has burned across the state line into New Mexico, said a fire chief with the Southwest Incident Management Team.

Source: [http://www.philly.com/philly/news/nation\\_world/123730859.html](http://www.philly.com/philly/news/nation_world/123730859.html)

59. *June 13, Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel* – (Florida) **Miami-Dade brush fire almost fully contained; Krome Avenue opened.** The brushfire in southwest Miami-Dade County, Florida, that has been burning since June 5 has torched about 68,295 acres but is 85 percent contained, a forestry official said. Late June 12, Krome Avenue reopened to traffic for the first time since the fire began, WPLG 10 Miami reported. The road had been closed from the Tamiami Trail to U.S. 27 all week because of the fire. Krome Avenue was closed most of the day June 12 as firefighters mopped up the remaining portions of the fire, said a spokesman for the forestry division of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. More rain could shorten the mopping operation. Rain June 11 proved helpful to firefighters, as the western portion of the fire, also the largest, received enough rain to contain that part of the fire. Everglades National Park has provided forestry division personnel with flyovers of the fire, and no smoke or active flames were seen over the western portion.

Source: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/florida/fl-krome-avenue-brushfire-update-20110612.0,7487249.story>

60. *June 12, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Campers stranded by central Wash. mudslides rescued.** The U.S. Forest Service said the 30 or so campers who were stranded by mudslides in north central Washington State were rescued. A spokeswoman said crews were able to open a channel through a road to the popular camping area that allowed them to leave June 11. They were stranded June 10 when mudslides covered upper Icicle Road about 10 miles west of Leavenworth. The spokeswoman said the slides were as wide as a football field, and 10 to 12 feet deep in some places. A medical helicopter was on standby during the ordeal in case of

problems but there were no injuries. Upper Icicle Road remained closed June 12 as crews work to clear the slides.

Source:

[http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2015298774\\_apwamudslidescampers.html](http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2015298774_apwamudslidescampers.html)

61. *June 12, Redding Record Searchlight* – (California) **Modoc County forest fire nearly contained.** A forest fire in Modoc County, California that caused Redding's skies to get smoky the week of June 6 is nearly contained. A Modoc National Forest spokesman said June 12 tthe Cougar Butte Fire near Lava Beds National Monument was 90 percent contained and had not grown past 1,880 acres overnight. Airtankers and some fire crews were sent elsewhere June 11, since the fire was almost out. The fire has not threatened any homes since it started June 8, but there are high-voltage power lines and a natural gas pipeline nearby, he said. The U.S. Forest Service has ruled out slash burning as the cause of the fire, though it is not clear yet what exactly caused it to ignite.

Source: <http://www.redding.com/news/2011/jun/12/modoc-county-forest-fire-nearly-contained/>

62. *June 10, Inside Tucson Business* – (Arizona) **Tucsonans accused of damaging national monument.** Five men were indicted on charges of damage to government property northwest of Tucson, Arizona. Three 19-year-old suspects, a 20-year-old suspect, and a 22-year-old suspect are accused of causing damage to trees, cactus, vegetation, and soil in the Ironwood Forest National Monument. The defendants are accused of chopping down and shooting firearms at a number of mature Palo Verde trees, and shooting at a 17-foot saguaro cactus, according to a news release from the U.S. attorney's Arizona office. The men also are suspected of starting a fire that caused additional damage. A conviction for the charge carries a maximum penalty of 10 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine or both. The U.S. Bureau of Land Management conducted the investigation.

Source: [http://insidetucsonbusiness.com/news/tucsonans-accused-of-damaging-national-monument/article\\_74d13534-92f4-11e0-94cf-001cc4c03286.html](http://insidetucsonbusiness.com/news/tucsonans-accused-of-damaging-national-monument/article_74d13534-92f4-11e0-94cf-001cc4c03286.html)

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## Dams Sector

63. *June 12, Associated Press* – (Midwest) **Cities by the Missouri hope levees hold back flood.** The scramble is nearly over to fill thousands of sandbags and construct last-minute levees to heights that have not been needed in decades, but those preparations were only the first round of what is likely to be a summer-long battle against the bloated Missouri River. Peak flows are expected to arrive early the week of June 13 in riverfront communities in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers completes a gradual increase of releases from dams upstream. The surge through the lower half of the river will expose weaknesses in the flood protections. The Corps said this summer's Missouri River flooding could rival the

record years of 1952 and 1993 in some places. Officials June 14 will increase releases from five of the river's dams to 150,000 cubic feet of water per second — more than twice the previous record releases. As a result, the river will rise 5 to 7 feet above flood stage in most of Nebraska and Iowa before continuing into Missouri, where it may rise 10 feet above flood stage in several places, and flow over the top of at least 11 rural levees. The record releases from the dams are expected to continue into August, so the river will remain high all summer, interfering with highway and rail traffic in the region.

Source:

[http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5h5Ssub\\_px\\_0EKG4EHRkRgYnlj3-w?docId=02fa802bd4504d65a89ce85287ef6b9a](http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5h5Ssub_px_0EKG4EHRkRgYnlj3-w?docId=02fa802bd4504d65a89ce85287ef6b9a)

64. *June 12, KFBB 5 Great Falls* – (Montana) **Increased water release from Fort Peck Dam continues.** The recent storms have forced the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to continue to increase the amount of water released from the Fort Peck Dam in Fort Peck, Montana. On June 12, the dam was releasing 65,000 cubic feet per second (cfs). That is an increase from 60,000 cfs June 11. The Fort Peck reservoir met the water level record at 2,251.6 feet mean sea level, previously set in 1975. A Corps Fort Peck spokeswoman said, “we’ve just been getting so much rain and coupled with the snow melt forecasted levels are high, so we need to be releasing water to keep it in better balance between Fort Peck and Garrison Dam.” There is still 80 percent snow pack above Fort Peck waiting to melt. Plus officials said more rain is on the way, so it does not look like the water levels will drop anytime soon.

Source: <http://www.kfbb.com/news/local/Increased-Water-Release-from-Fort-Peck-Dam-Continues-123722184.html>

65. *June 11, CNN* – (Louisiana) **Levee reopens in Baton Rouge; spillway bays closing.** Pedestrians and bicyclists were allowed back on a Mississippi River levee in Baton Rouge, Louisiana one of two developments June 11 that showed the flooding crisis in Louisiana was easing. The town's mayor-president closed the levee May 13 because record high water was expected during the height of the flood. Since the river began falling, crews have been removing sandbags. The downtown portion reopened June 11; another section will be back in business the week of June 13. Meanwhile, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was to begin closing 30 of 330 bays at the Bonnet Carre spillway at Lake Ponchartrain. The agency said it will continue to assess the conditions of the river and perform more closures when warranted. The Corps opened the spillway in May to divert water from the Mississippi River and protect New Orleans. The Mississippi River was at 15.4 feet in New Orleans June 11, 1.6 feet below flood stage. Baton Rouge's reading was 39.44. Flood stage is 35 feet.

Source: [http://articles.cnn.com/2011-06-11/us/louisiana.flooding\\_1\\_levee-spillway-flood-stage?\\_s=PM:US](http://articles.cnn.com/2011-06-11/us/louisiana.flooding_1_levee-spillway-flood-stage?_s=PM:US)

66. *June 11, KTIV 4 Sioux City* – (South Dakota) **Dakota Dunes levees are near complete as flood waters rise.** Hundreds of people followed a non-mandatory evacuation order the week of June 6 in Dakota Dunes, South Dakota. The interstate exit to the Dunes has been closed ever since. South Dakota's governor said June 11 that as the levee work is

completed, road access will open up again. He also said the real test of the levee's hold has not come yet, and noted officials do not want to let people back in until they know the levee will not breach. "Even as it's being finished in the next couple of days, it'll feel the full force of the 150 cfs (cubic feet per second) flow Tuesday and Wednesday of this week." the governor said June 11.

Source: <http://www.ktiv.com/story/14888305/the-test-of-dakota-dunes>

67. *June 11, Toronto Sun* – (International) **New dam breach eyed in Manitoba.** The Hoop and Holler dam in the Canadian province of Manitoba might be intentionally breached again within days because of heavy Assiniboine River flows, partly due to another expected severe rainfall and a saturated ground. The Provincial Emergency Measures Minister said June 10 a decision will be made once the rain — up to 30 millimeter forecast for the already swollen Souris and Assiniboine river basins — falls June 12 and June 13. "What that translates into is our ability to flow those waters through the Assiniboine River and the Portage Diversion," he said at the legislature, predicting a flow of about 53,000 cubic feet per second or more into an area where an outlet runs north from near Portage la Prairie to Lake Manitoba. Meanwhile, an evacuation alert has been issued to 45 residents near the Portage Diversion. The provincial government intentionally broke the dike at the Hoop and Holler Bend May 14 to do what it claimed was needed to relieve the Assiniboine's pressure on its banks, and avert a possibly catastrophic flood downstream toward Headingley. That breach, just west of the village of Newton, along an Assiniboine River oxbow, remained for several days before it was closed.

Source: <http://www.torontosun.com/2011/06/11/new-dam-breach-eyed-in-manitoba>

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