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- According to ABC News Radio, Amtrak said it is taking additional security countermeasures on all of its trains after a June 12 incident in which someone tried to derail a train carrying highly flammable ethanol in Iowa. (See item [25](#))
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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 15, Beaumont Enterprise* – (Texas) **Nederland fire 80 percent contained.** A wildfire near the Sunoco plant in Nederland, Texas that had grown to hundreds of acres was 80 percent contained as of the morning of June 15, according to the Texas Forest Service. Fire crews were having some trouble getting fire breaks around the blaze because of muddy areas in the marsh land, said a woman working with the forest service. She said the fire was estimated to be 250 acres.

Source: <http://www.beaumontenterprise.com/news/article/Update-Firefighters-still-working-Nederland-1423705.php>

2. *June 14, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **300 Edison customers without power after vault explodes in La Puente.** An underground electrical vault exploded June 14 in La Puente, California, forcing the temporary evacuation of 30 homes and knocking out power to 3,200 Southern California Edison customers, 300 of whom were still without service at 4 p.m. The series of explosions occurred about 1:35 p.m. at North Del Valle Avenue and East Amar Road, an Edison spokesman said. There were no reports of injuries, but county firefighters ordered a brief evacuation of 30 homes as a precaution after the blasts. About 3,200 customers were immediately without power, but after redirecting lines, the Edison spokesman said that number was reduced to 300. He said some customers might remain without power into the early evening or even overnight as crews continue to try and redirect additional lines. Edison officials are still looking into the cause of the blast, but the spokesman said crews found water inside the vault. Source: <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2011/06/electrical-vault-explosion-la-puente.html>

3. *June 14, Contra Costa Times* – (California) **PG&E sees surge in copper wire theft in Antioch area.** Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) workers in Antioch, California this month found one of the utility’s 45-foot wood poles along the railroad tracks chopped to the ground in what officials said was the most brazen local case to date of copper thieves targeting PG&E property. Wires were removed from the transformer atop the pole, and a handsaw was found on the ground. The utility is accustomed to a certain level of property vandalism but said it has seen a surge in copper thefts in recent months in the area of Antioch north of Highway 4. Thieves have swiped copper from about 300 poles in Antioch since the beginning of 2011, compared with fewer than 10 in 2010, a company spokeswoman said the week of June 6. The PG&E thefts reflect an ongoing problem not only in Antioch, but in municipalities throughout the country. PG&E spends about \$500 to replace wiring after an average theft in Antioch, which nets thieves about 75 cents to \$1. PG&E lost about \$290,000 in copper theft systemwide in 2010, and it has already lost \$133,000 in 2011 through the middle of May. Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_18250212?nclick_check=1

4. *June 13, eWeek.com* – (National) **U.S. unveils plans to invest in smart grid technology, security.** White House officials unveiled a series of initiatives designed to help implement information technology to the national power grid to make it smarter, more efficient, and secure. The National Science Technology Council outlined its plans to modernize the grid in rural areas and to create a “smart grid innovation hub” in a report titled “Building the 21st Century Grid” released June 13. The hub will be a collaboration of federal researchers, companies, and utility executives and will support research, development, and deployments of smart grid technology. The modernization of the grid will allow operators to have access to information about threats, help companies deliver new security tools, and create security standards. The project announcements are timely, considering the latest report on cyber-threats facing utilities

and power generation companies from PwC, also released June 13. Several multinational energy companies recently suffered security breaches long before the victims became aware their systems were compromised, the report found. It said energy companies are vulnerable because they have valuable proprietary data on discoveries and financial information relating to existing power and fuel reserves. State-sponsored foreign attackers have used “highly sophisticated methods” to compromise these targets, the authors wrote. “Had digital evidence and breach indicators been recognized at the time of an event, victims of cyber-crime could have taken positive action and minimized their risk,” the report said.

Source: <http://www.eweek.com/c/a/Security/US-Unveils-Plans-to-Invest-in-Smart-Grid-Technology-Security-164442/>

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Chemical Industry Sector

5. *June 15, Lafayette Daily Advertiser and Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Explosion leads to evacuations.** Several explosions and a fire June 14 at Multi-Chem, a plant where chemicals are blended and stored for oilfield operations, led to a 5-mile evacuation around West Admiral Doyle Drive in New Iberia, Louisiana. Officials said early June 15 they would let the fire burn itself out before investigators enter the facility to search for a cause, according to the Associated Press. The evacuation was later reduced to a 1-mile area, and although there were not any fatalities or confirmed injuries, Multi-Chem was engulfed in flames, a Louisiana State Troop I public information officer said. The company’s technical marketing manager said no chemicals are manufactured at the plant. Some nearby businesses closed, including Acadiana Regional Airport, and the New Iberia Research Center. Officials said none of the 7,000 or so primates at the research center were harmed by the explosions. The public information officer said the 1-mile evacuation would remain in place “until it is deemed safe for residents to return.”

Source: <http://www.theadvertiser.com/article/20110615/NEWS01/106150342>

6. *June 14, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **OSHA cites W.Va. plant for 18 violations in blast.** A federal agency investigating a December explosion that killed three men announced June 14 it cited a New Cumberland, West Virginia, chemical plant for 18 violations, 16 of them considered serious and one labeled “willful.” The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) said titanium and zirconium recycler AL Solutions could have prevented the tragedy but instead exposed workers to unnecessary risks. The proposed fines total \$154,000. AL Solutions said it was aware of OSHA’s action, but the incident remains under investigation by other agencies. In January, the chief investigator for the U.S. Chemical Safety Board said his team believes either metal shavings or dust were the fuel for the explosion, but they were trying to determine which form ignited and how.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9NRSGMO1.htm>

7. *June 14, WDAZ 8 Grand Forks* – (North Dakota) **Driver rolls semi near Hurdsfield, ND.** The driver of a semi-tractor trailer has been hospitalized following a June 13 accident on Highway 200 near Hurdsfield, North Dakota. The highway patrol said the driver failed to negotiate a curve about 2 miles west of Hurdsfield. The man began to enter the north ditch and over-corrected by turning to the left. The tractor and trailer then rolled a half turn, coming to rest facing south with part of the tractor on the roadway obstructing some of the westbound traffic. The trailer came to rest in the north ditch. It leaked a majority of its haul of liquid fertilizer, but the leak was contained by responding firefighters. The fertilizer is not considered to be hazardous, but a patrol sergeant did not immediately have details on the type of fertilizer or how much spilled. The crash is still under investigation.

Source: http://www.wday.com/event/article/id/9052/group/News/publisher_ID/30/

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

8. *June 15, Dow Jones* – (International) **Japan plans hot spot expansion of evacuation area around nuclear plant.** The Japanese government is set to issue a new evacuation advisory for recently discovered pockets of high radiation up to 60 kilometers from the stricken Fukushima Daiichi nuclear complex, officials said June 15, in a new strategy designed to minimize the economic cost and emotional toll of evacuation operations. The new non-binding advisory, likely to be issued the week of June 13, is based on radiation surveys recently conducted in and near the “scheduled” evacuation areas, whose residents were asked to leave by the end of May due to concern their annual radiation dosages could exceed the official limit of 20 millisieverts. The scheduled evacuation areas were set up in late April, but as of the end of May, more than 1,000 people still remained in the areas for reasons ranging from difficulty in finding temporary lodging to having to take care of cattle, illustrating the challenges of implementing a large-scale evacuation. The scheduled evacuation areas lie outside a 20-kilometer radius of the plant that has been designated as a mandatory evacuation zone, affecting more than 70,000 people. Rather than simply expanding the zone outward, the new advisory will target small hot spots in cities, which have received disproportionate amounts of radiation due to northwesterly winds and localized rains at the time of major emission releases in March.

Source: <http://www.foxbusiness.com/industries/2011/06/15/japan-plans-hot-spot-expansion-evacuation-area-around-nuclear-plant/>

9. *June 15, St. Petersburg Times* – (Florida) **Continued problems at Crystal River nuclear plant could lead to reactor’s closing.** Ballooning costs and technical hurdles continue to hamper efforts to bring Progress Energy’s troubled nuclear plant in Crystal River, Florida, back online, further raising the specter of the utility permanently closing the reactor, the St. Petersburg Times reported June 15. Progress has spent about \$440 million to repair damage to the plant and to acquire replacement power for the reactor’s

inactivity, which resulted largely from a crack found in the 42-inch thick containment building wall in 2009 after a major maintenance project. When a second gap in the reactor's concrete containment wall appeared in the spring of 2011 — just before the utility was set to bring the reactor back into operation — Progress again began re-examining how the structure in Citrus County was put together. Among the issues the utility discovered: The size of tendons used to add tension to the containment wall was larger than in some other similar structures, and it did not have as much steel as they used in the repair. On a media tour June 14, the vice president of the Crystal River plant said Progress had hired a world-renowned engineering firm to assess the plant. The utility expects to make a presentation to the state public service commission at the end of June about its intentions.

Source: <http://www.tampabay.com/news/business/energy/continued-problems-at-crystal-river-nuclear-plant-could-lead-to-reactors/1175325>

10. *June 15, Associated Press* – (International) **NRC: Spent fuel pool never went dry in Japan quake.** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) said early fears that all the water was gone from spent fuel pools at the stricken nuclear complex in Japan were unfounded, Associated Press reported June 15. The NRC said new video shows that spent fuel pools at Unit 4 at the Fukushima Dai-ichi complex probably did not go dry, as the NRC Chairman had insisted in March. Japanese officials had denied his claim, which was based on information from NRC staff and other experts who went to Japan after the March 11 earthquake and tsunami. The NRC's executive director for operations said June 15 that U.S. officials welcomed the video evidence as “good news” and one indication that the meltdown at the Fukushima plant “may not have been as serious as was believed.”
Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2011/06/15/3702523/nrc-spent-fuel-pool-never-went.html>

11. *June 14, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* – (Wisconsin) **Equipment glitch delays Point Beach nuclear plant's restart.** An equipment glitch June 13 at the Point Beach Nuclear Plant near Two Rivers, Wisconsin has delayed one of the reactors at the plant from returning to service. A neutron monitor, used to measure the level of nuclear reaction in the reactor core, malfunctioned during an equipment test June 13, leading to an automatic reactor trip that kept the reactor from starting up, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) said. Workers at NextEra Energy Resources, which owns and operates the plant, replaced a power supply box for the monitor to prepare the reactor to resume generating power, said a spokeswoman for the NRC's regional office in Lisle, Illinois. She described it as a “pretty routine kind of issue,” and one that posed no safety concerns. Point Beach has been out of service since February 28 for a refueling shutdown that also saw significant upgrades to the plant to accommodate a 17 percent expansion in the amount of power it generates. The other Point Beach reactor will be taken out of service this fall for a refueling outage and work that will accommodate that unit's 17 percent increase in power output.
Source: <http://www.jsonline.com/business/123872839.html>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

12. *June 14, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **General Electric, Sharp recalls GE air conditioning and heating units due to fire hazard.** GE Appliances and Lighting, of Louisville, Kentucky, issued a recall June 14 for about 90,600 GE Zoneline air conditioners and heaters. The manufacturer of the equipment was Sharp Corp., of Osaka, Japan. An electrical component in the heating system can fail, posing a fire hazard to consumers. General Electric and Sharp have received four reports of incidents involving smoke and/or fire with the air conditioning and heating units. In two of the reported incidents, fire extended beyond the air conditioning and heating unit, resulting in property damage. No injuries have been reported. This recall involves GE Packaged Terminal Air Conditioners (PTAC) and packaged terminal heat pumps manufactured between January 2010 and March 2011, and are most often used in apartment buildings and commercial space. The items were sold by General Electric authorized representatives and HVAC distributors nationwide from March 2010 through March 2011.

Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml11/11247.html>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

13. *June 15, Associated Press* – (Maine) **Navy told to plan for public shipyard improvements.** U.S. senators from Maine and New Hampshire have put the U.S. Navy on notice that it needs to come up with a plan for infrastructure improvements at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and three other public shipyards, the Associated Press reported June 15. Two senators from Maine and two from New Hampshire included language in the fiscal 2012 Defense Authorization Act requiring the Navy Secretary to submit a plan no later than March 1. The Navy announced last March that it would spend about \$100 million on upgrades at the Portsmouth shipyard. All told, the Navy estimates a \$3 billion shortfall in modernization at the public shipyards, including \$513 million at Portsmouth, but the Government Accountability Office said that estimate is too low.

Source:

http://www.boston.com/news/local/new_hampshire/articles/2011/06/15/navy_told_to_plan_for_public_shipyard_improvements/

14. *June 15, Associated Press* – (Rhode Island; Georgia) **Bribery charge filed against RI Navy contractor.** A U.S. Navy subcontractor from Portsmouth, Rhode Island, has been charged with bribery in the kickback scandal at Newport's Naval Undersea Warfare Center. He is expected to enter a plea June 17 in U.S. District Court in Providence. The

government alleges that between 1999 and June 2010, the contractor submitted inflated invoices to a Georgia company, Advanced Solutions for Tomorrow (ASFT), and helped funnel millions of dollars in kickbacks in exchange for Navy contracts for ASFT to a civilian Navy employee, and to his family members and associates. The contractor has been cooperating with the government in their investigation. In April, the owner of ASFT pleaded guilty to a bribery charge. The civilian Navy employee has been charged and is free on bond while awaiting trial.

Source:

http://www.boston.com/news/local/rhode_island/articles/2011/06/15/bribery_charge_filed_against_ri_navy_contractor/

15. *June 14, Defense News* – (Alabama) **JHSV module damaged at Ala. shipyard.** A 50-ton block of the second Joint High Speed Vessel (JHSV) under construction at Austal USA in Mobile, Alabama, broke loose June 11, fell about 3 feet and tipped over, the shipbuilder confirmed. The block, 1 of 44 units that make up a complete JHSV, contained the ship's service diesel generators, key engines that provide power to run the vessel. The extent of the damage and the cost of repairs are still being assessed. A statement by the Austal USA president and CEO declared "the incident has had no impact on the workflow" of the shipyard, which is building JHSVs and Independence-class littoral combat ships. Both designs use aluminum construction, an Austal specialty. The twin-hull, 2,360-ton JHSVs are based on a commercial high-speed ferry design. The damaged module belongs to the JHSV Vigilant, scheduled for completion in summer 2012. The accident reportedly took place while the module was being lifted to be repositioned for further work. One source reported that pad eyes tore loose from the module, causing it to fall.

Source: <http://www.defensenews.com/story.php?i=6817725&c=SEA&s=TOP>

16. *June 14, Reuters* – (International) **China urged to help in Senate counterfeit probe.** The U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee urged China to allow investigators to travel to the Chinese mainland to probe reports that Chinese-made counterfeit parts are making their way into U.S. weapons systems, and other electronics, Reuters reported June 14. So far, China has declined to grant visas to committee staff investigators. They are now in Hong Kong and seeking to conduct unfettered interviews in nearby Shenzhen, the suspected epicenter for substandard knock-off parts, the committee chairman, a Democrat, and the panel's top Republican told a news conference. A range of U.S. companies interviewed by the committee, from military contractors to consumer electronics makers, have pointed "almost totally and exclusively" to China, and more specifically to Shenzhen, in Guangdong province, as a source of counterfeit electronic parts, the committee chairman said. The chair said he and the ranking Republican had sought for more than 2 months to persuade the Chinese authorities to allow 1 or 2 days of interviews on the ground as part of an official Senate investigation. The chair said Beijing had asked that the investigators delay their proposed trip or, if eventually granted visas, agree to be accompanied by a China official during interviews.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/06/14/us-china-usa-military-counterfeit-idUSTRE75D40Q20110614>

Banking and Finance Sector

17. *June 15, New York Post* – (New York) **Police searching for brazen Harlem bank bandit.** On June 15, police released a picture of the robber wanted for knocking off three banks in the Harlem section of Manhattan, New York. The robber made off with nearly \$2,660 after targeting the Citibank at 2481 Seventh Avenue March 8, but fled empty-handed when he hit the Bank of America at 106 West 117th Street March 9, police said. He scored \$5,860 after passing a note March 31 at the Wells Fargo branch at 143 Lenox Avenue, police added.
Source: http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/police_searching_for_brazen_harlem_savPFsde6OnGphtfVKtw4H
18. *June 14, Bloomberg* – (New York) **Salesman in Gryphon ‘Boiler Room’ scheme pleads guilty after trial begins.** A New York man June 14 pleaded guilty to his role in the Gryphon Holdings Inc. “boiler room” scheme, the last of 18 defendants to do so. The man, a former salesman for Gryphon, misled investors into paying for phony stock tips and investment advice, defrauding them of \$20 million, prosecutors charged. “From April 2007 until April 2010, I participated in the scheme to defraud Gryphon clients,” the man told the judge. Gryphon told victims its office was on Wall Street or even in the New York Stock Exchange when it was in a strip mall in the New York borough of Staten Island, according to the man’s indictment. The man said he was paid \$1.1 million while working at Gryphon. He pleaded guilty to one count of wire fraud and securities fraud conspiracy. Federal guidelines call for a prison sentence of up to 21 years and 10 months, an assistant U.S. attorney said.
Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-06-14/salesman-in-gryphon-boiler-room-scheme-pleads-guilty-after-trial-begins.html>
19. *June 14, Bloomberg* – (National) **Florida lawyer admits to role in \$1.2 billion Rothstein investment fraud.** A Florida attorney pleaded guilty in federal court June 14 to aiding a man in a \$1.2 billion investment scheme involving fake court settlements. The man pleaded guilty to a single count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud. Prosecutors said they agreed to recommend a prison sentence of 24 to 30 months. The leader of the scheme previously pleaded guilty in January 2010 to five counts of racketeering, money laundering, and wire fraud, admitting he sold investors interests in bogus settlements in sexual-harassment and whistleblower suits. He was sentenced to 50 years in prison. Prosecutors said the attorney who pleaded guilty June 14, wrote a letter claiming to have settled a pending case in a client’s favor when the case had never been filed and no settlement existed.
Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-06-14/florida-lawyer-admits-to-role-in-1-2-billion-rothstein-investment-fraud.html>
20. *June 14, Bloomberg* – (International) **‘Anonymous’ hacker group identifies Fed as target on YouTube.** A group of online hackers identified the Federal Reserve as a

target, using a video on the YouTube Web site to call on its chairman to resign. In the video, the group, which calls itself Anonymous, said June 14 would mark the “first step” of protests against the Federal Reserve Chairman and urged those wanting him to quit to occupy a public space. “The Federal Reserve’s policies are systematically looting the country to enrich one 10th of 1 percent of the population,” a distorted voice said on the video. The group attacked several Turkish government Web sites the week of June 6 to protest an Internet filter it said will restrict Web surfing, the Hurriyet newspaper reported.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-06-14/-anonymous-hacker-group-identifies-fed-as-target-on-youtube.html>

21. *June 14, Portland Oregonian* – (Oregon) **Video surveillance helps authorities nab suspected ‘Beastie Boys’ bank bandit.** Investigators responding to the Wells Fargo bank robbery in southwest Portland, Oregon, June 9, obtained video surveillance images from a nearby business that caught the suspect putting on a wig and mustache besides a pickup truck outside the bank. The video helped authorities link the suspect to the so-called string of “Beastie Boys” bank robberies in the metropolitan region. Portland police and federal authorities believe the 48-year-old is responsible for up to 8 bank robberies in Portland, Lake Oswego, and West Linn. He was given the nickname the “Beastie Boys Bandit” because his disguises looked like they came out of a music video for the song “Sabotage” by the Beastie Boys. The man, who was convicted of bank robbery in 1996, was taken into custody at Southwest 12th Avenue on a parole violation June 9. The license plate on his truck was also caught on the video surveillance images.

Source:

http://www.oregonlive.com/portland/index.ssf/2011/06/video_surveillance_helps_auth_o.html

22. *June 14, The Register* – (International) **Citigroup hack exploited easy-to-detect web flaw.** Hackers who stole bank account details for 200,000 Citigroup customers infiltrated the company’s system by exploiting a garden-variety security hole in the company’s Web site for credit card users, according to a report citing an unnamed security investigator. The New York Times reported the technique allowed the hackers to leapfrog from account to account on the Citi Web site by changing the numbers in the URLs that appeared after customers had entered valid usernames and passwords. The hackers wrote a script that automatically repeated the exercise tens of thousands of times, the New York Times said. The underlying vulnerability, known as an insecure direct object reference, is so common it’s included in the Top 10 Risks list compiled by the Open Web Application Security Project. It results when developers expose direct references to confidential account numbers instead of using substitute characters to ensure the numbers are kept private. Experts said Citi could have detected the hack attack as it was commenced by employing code that automatically reported users who repeatedly fed suspicious characters into Web site URLs. The Citi hackers also took advantage of a flaw in the Java programming framework to access information stored in an Oracle database maintained by the bank, the Financial Times reported June 14. An unnamed investigator said the situation was “alarming,” given the wide use of Java

and the database software, which are both offered by Oracle.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/06/14/citigroup_website_hack_simple/

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Transportation Sector

23. *June 15, Parkersburg News and Sentinel* – (West Virginia; Kentucky; Ohio) **Exercise focuses on security.** The Transportation Security Administration in conjunction with federal, state, and local agencies planned to conduct an all-day training exercise June 15 in Wood County, West Virginia, designed to enhance security in the tri-state area. The Visible Intermodal Prevention and Response operation was slated to take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. throughout 5,000 square miles in Kentucky, Ohio, and West Virginia. In Wood County, training was scheduled to be focused in and around the Ohio River and its tributaries, according to the director of the Wood County 911 Center. Participating teams include federal air marshals, canine teams, inspectors, and bomb appraisal officers.
Source: <http://www.newsandsentinel.com/page/content.detail/id/549003/Exercise-focuses-on-security.html?nav=5061>

24. *June 15, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Flight returns to DFW after hitting birds.** An American Airlines flight with 127 people aboard returned to the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport in Texas for an emergency landing after striking a flock of more than 20 birds during takeoff. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reported the MD82 aircraft taking off for Norfolk, Virginia, “sustained multiple bird strikes on departure” at 6:15 p.m. June 13. A FAA spokesman said the aircraft returned and made an emergency landing without injuries to passengers or crew. He said inspectors found dents in the radar dome on the nose of the aircraft, as well as to the leading edge of its right wing. He said a sweep of the runway collected more than 20 bird carcasses. The aircraft was taken out of service for repairs, and the passengers left for Norfolk on a different plane 2 hours later.
Source: <http://www.wtaw.com/2011/06/15/flight-returns-to-dfw-after-hitting-birds/>

25. *June 15, ABC News Radio* – (Iowa; National) **Amtrak steps up security following Iowa train sabotage.** Amtrak said it is taking additional security countermeasures after someone tried to derail a train carrying highly flammable ethanol in Iowa June 12. The Iowa Interstate Railroad CEO said a lock was cut off a track switch box just outside Menlo, a town that sits along the rail line between Des Moines and Omaha, Nebraska. The track was also “gapped open” about 2 inches, and a black bag was used to cover the switch signal so the tampering would be harder to notice. The CEO said the switch tampering, and the creation of the gap in the tracks, clearly indicated to him that someone was trying to derail one of the 130-car trains that were running the track. The Amtrak chief of police announced June 14 the company is expanding its comprehensive rail security efforts to provide increased right of way protection to

detect and deter terrorists seeking to derail passenger trains. Amtrak said the additional security countermeasures would focus first on passenger trains, particularly those operating on the Amtrak-owned Northeast corridor. Amtrak said it already had security in place, which was focused on the threat of improvised explosive devices, in a station or on a train, or on an active shooter scenario.

Source: <http://www.kgoam810.com/rssItem.asp?feedid=118&itemid=29680065>

26. *June 15, V3.co.uk* – (International) **SpyEye malware connected to German airline scams.** SpyEye malware has been connected to a recently discovered attack on customers of two German travel services. Security firm Trusteer said it uncovered versions of the malware attempting to pull data from infected machines on the sites of Air Berlin and AirPlus. Classified as an HTML injection tool, SpyEye is able to intercept Web pages on an infected system and add code into the HTML file before it is displayed to the site visitor. Trusteer’s chief technology officer told V3.co.uk that AirPlus log-in pages were being altered to add input boxes requiring data such as credit card numbers. The information is then collected by the malware and sent to an upload server. He said the Air Berlin attack featured malware directed to harvest account information, but noted the aim appeared to be to harvest frequent flyer miles. “The attack on Air Berlin is more interesting because it is not directly cash,” the Trusteer official said. “They still need to convert the miles.” The attacks are also the first commercial site hacks from a malware family that has until now been focused on the financial sector.

Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2078626/spyeye-malware-connected-german-airline-scams>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

27. *June 15, Food Safety News* – (New Jersey; International) **Listeria prompts another Stilton cheese recall.** Atlanta Corp., an Elizabeth, New Jersey food distributor recalled an 8-9 pound wheel of Royal Blue Stilton” cheese imported from England because it may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. In a news release, the company said it decided to test its cheese after another importer in May recalled cheese made by the same English dairy. Testing revealed the presence of *Listeria*, which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections. The company’s inventory of affected product was quarantined and will be destroyed under U.S. Food and Drug Administration supervision. No illnesses have been reported The recall involves just one 8-9 lb wheel

of cheese contained in a master case with batch code B038. However, this cheese is routinely cut at retail from the bulk wheel and sold in random weight cuts. The cheese was manufactured in England by Quenby Hall Dairy and exported by Coombe Castle, but not all cheese exported by Coombe Castle International is manufactured by Quenby Hall Dairy. The affected lot is marked B038 on the original case cartons. There are no specific expiration dates.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/06/listeria-prompts-another-stilton-cheese-recall/>

28. *June 15, Chicago Tribune* – (National) **Millions of Great Lakes fish killed in power plant intakes.** Despite decades of efforts to restore and protect the Great Lakes, dozens of old power plants still are allowed to kill hundreds of millions of fish each year by sucking in massive amounts of water to cool their equipment. Records obtained by the Chicago Tribune show staggering numbers of fish die when pulled into the screens of water intake systems so powerful that most could fill an Olympic swimming pool in less than a minute. Billions more eggs, larvae, and juvenile fish (small enough to pass through the screens) are cooked to death by intense heat and high pressure inside the coal, gas and nuclear plants. Then the water is pumped back into Lake Michigan and the other Great Lakes up to 30 degrees hotter, encouraging the growth of oxygen-depleting algae that kills fish and fouls beaches. The Tribune obtained thousands of pages of industry reports documenting power plant fish kills through Freedom of Information Act requests to the eight Great Lakes states, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Among the findings: The fish killed at the Point Beach nuclear plant north of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, reduce the yield of Lake Michigan's fisheries by an estimated 10,625 pounds a year, or about 4.5 percent of the annual commercial fishing catch by weight; The Cook nuclear plant near Benton Harbor, Michigan, kills more than 1.3 million fish annually, most of which are yellow perch.; On Lake Erie, the Bay Shore coal plant near Toledo, Ohio, kills 46 million adult fish and more than 2.4 billion eggs, larvae and young fish each year in the region's most prolific spawning grounds. Less than 15 miles away, the Monroe coal plant in Michigan each year kills more than 25 million fish and 499 million eggs and other organisms at the mouth of another Lake Erie tributary.

Source: <http://www.bellinghamherald.com/2011/06/14/2060003/millions-of-great-lakes-fish-killed.html>

29. *June 14, CIDRAP News* – (Alaska) **Wild cranes caused 2008 Campylobacter outbreak.** A *Campylobacter jejuni* outbreak that sickened close to 100 people in Alaska in 2008 had a surprising cause: fresh peas contaminated by sandhill cranes, according to a report in *Clinical Infectious Diseases*. "This is the first reported outbreak of campylobacteriosis linked to produce contaminated with bird feces," read the report by researchers from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and several Alaska state agencies. *C. jejuni* is one of the most common bacterial causes of diarrheal illness, with an estimated 2.4 million cases annually, but few cases are part of recognized outbreaks, the report said. Though the illness is usually linked to contaminated food or water, it is hard to trace the organism to a particular vehicle, because it does not survive long outside an animal host. But in the Alaska outbreak,

investigators managed to confirm the pathogen in pea samples and sandhill crane feces, and to match those isolates to some of the isolates from sick patients. The outbreak began in August 2008 with 10 lab-confirmed cases in Anchorage residents. Three of the isolates were matched by pulsed-field gel electrophoresis. The cases triggered an alert to the public, and a multi-pronged investigation. A case-control study involving 45 patients with confirmed campylobacteriosis and 90 healthy controls pointed to consumption of raw peas as the only significant risk factor. Overall, 98 people had illnesses that met the case definition, and 63 cases were lab-confirmed, the report said. Source: <http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/cidrap/content/fs/food-disease/news/jun1411campy.html>

30. *June 14, Associated Press* – (Georgia; National) **Listeria found at Kellogg Co. plant in Georgia, stock falls.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) found traces of listeria at a Kellogg Co. bakery in Augusta, Georgia, during an inspection in February 2011. In a letter released June 14, regulators said the pathogen was found in several spots along the production line that comes in direct contact with food. The FDA also noted other problems at the plant such as insects near areas where food is located. Kellogg said it has undertaken many aggressive actions to address the concerns and is confident in the safety of its food. The company, based in Battle Creek, Michigan, makes a variety of Keebler and Famous Amos cookies at the Augusta plant. Kellogg voluntarily shut down the plant after the FDA identified the problems in February and completed a comprehensive cleaning. The company said it also repaired floors and improved the roof. While the FDA noted that the finished cookies from the Augusta plant do not support the growth of listeria, its testing indicated unsanitary conditions. Source:

<http://www.battlecreekenquirer.com/article/20110615/NEWS01/106150304/Listeria-found-Georgia-Kellogg-plant?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|Frontpage>

31. *June 14, KPSP Local 2 Thousand Palms* – (California) **Fire at Palm Springs Walmart prompts evacuation.** Dozens of people were briefly evacuated June 14 from the Walmart in Palm Springs, California, due to a fire at the center that employees managed to extinguish — but not before \$10,000 of meat was lost. A Palm Springs police officer said police received a report of smoke coming from the meat department at the location shortly before 11 a.m. Police and fire crews responded and evacuated the building. The Palm Springs fire battalion chief said fire crews found signs of a fire behind a meat display counter, believed to have been sparked by faulty wiring. The fire was out when firefighters arrived because store employees had put it out with a fire extinguisher. After all was clear, the store began letting employees back in at around 11:30 a.m. Customers were not allowed back into the building until noon.

Source: <http://www.kpsplocal2.com/Content/Top-Stories/story/Fire-at-Palm-Springs-Walmart-Prompts-Evacuation/W-NEI6Ytk06Et7yD1SMfow.csp>

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Water Sector

32. *June 14, Silicon Valley Mercury News* – (California) **Crews assemble huge digging machine to charge first-ever tunnel under San Francisco Bay.** In the breezy open lands along the San Francisco Bay in California, just east of Palo Alto, a historic engineering project is taking shape. Dozens of construction workers in hard hats are welding together a massive, high-tech digging machine, transported from Japan on cargo ships in 65 crates, that by next month will begin carving a 5-mile-long tunnel under the bay's floor to deliver drinking water to more than 2 million people. The tunnel is scheduled to be completed by 2015. It will be the first tunnel built under San Francisco Bay. The Bay Area Rapid Transit "tunnel" between Oakland and San Francisco is actually not really a tunnel, but a pre-constructed tube that sits on the bay floor. The purpose of the construction job is to improve earthquake reliability for the Hetch Hetchy water system. The tunnel will be able to withstand an earthquake up to 7.5 magnitude, engineers say, replacing a rickety system of two leaky steel pipes built in the 1925 and 1936 that now bring drinking water across the bay to Crystal Springs Reservoir.
Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/science/ci_18266104?nclick_check=1
33. *June 14, Silicon Valley Mercury News* – (California) **Trace amounts of cancer-causing chemical found in San Jose recycled water.** In a potential setback for efforts by the Santa Clara Valley Water District and the city of San Jose, California to expand the use of recycled water in Silicon Valley, tests found that trace amounts of a chemical suspected to cause cancer appear to have spread from recycled water used in an irrigation project into shallow groundwater. The study, funded by the water district, began in September 2008 at Integrated Device Technology, a semiconductor company in South San Jose, and continued for 18 months. Researchers irrigated grass on the company's property with recycled water and found that small amounts of NDMA, a chemical created as a byproduct of disinfecting water with chlorine, seeped into groundwater. The researchers tested the groundwater beforehand and did not find the chemical. The detection of the chemical in the groundwater showed that soils in that part of San Jose do not filter the chemical, the study concluded. Although Silicon Valley gets roughly half of its drinking water from underground wells, those are deep underground. Nobody drinks the shallow groundwater, which often contains other contaminants, including fertilizer, and oil that can wash off roads.
Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/science/ci_18272139?nclick_check=1
34. *June 14, Bradenton Herald* – (Florida) **Raw sewage flowing into Manatee River at downtown Bradenton.** Raw sewage continued to gush into the Manatee River north of Rossi Waterfront Park June 14 from a fracture in a 30-inch diameter iron pipe in the headworks of the city of Bradenton, Florida's wastewater treatment plant. The river got an outflow of raw sewage because the storm water drains around the plant were flooded with sewage and the stormwater pipes at the plant lead right to the river, the city engineer said. As of 3 p.m. June 14, between 500,000 and 750,000 gallons of raw sewage had poured out of the fractured pipe. During the emergency, the city closed 17th Avenue West from First Street West to Fifth Street West. Although the city has

mobilized resources from several agencies to halt the leak, a roughly 3-foot geyser of raw sewage was still spewing at 4 p.m. June 14 and was expected to continue until June 15.

Source: <http://www.bradenton.com/2011/06/14/3273401/raw-sewage-flowing-into-manatee.html>

35. *June 14, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **30 percent of Weirton water customers still dry; service could be back sometime this weekend.** Thirty percent of Weirton, West Virginia, remained without water after multiple main failures that prompted city officials to declare a state of emergency. About 20,000 customers were affected in Brooke and Hancock counties. The utility director said 70 percent now have service. All customers remained under a water-conservation order, June 14, but some have gone without for as long as 4 days. The utility director told media outlets that this is a critical time, and customers must use water only when essential. He said the city is struggling to fill 1-million gallon tanks to replenish the supply, and that is not a simple or fast process. Strain on the system has put full restoration eight to 10 hours behind schedule, but the utility director said he expected to have everyone back in service by the weekend of June 18 and 19.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/6369403d0aae45478c655a89e8707ec1/WV--Weirton-Water/>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

36. *June 15, PC Pro* – (International) **NHS loses laptop holding 8m patient records.** The National Health Service (NHS) in London, England, has admitted losing a laptop packed with up to 8.6 million medical records in a large-scale data breach that went unreported for 3 weeks. The breach stems from the loss of “a number of laptops” from a North London storeroom, and is being investigated by the information commissioner’s office. One of the machines was used for analyzing health needs, requiring access to elements of unnamed patient data. The authorities have given few details of the case, but a report in the Sun newspaper claimed 20 laptops went missing and only 8 have since been retrieved. Police were “dismayed” that the health authority had taken so long to report the issue. The NHS stressed that patients were unnamed in the records, but with details including postcodes and gender, and information relating to cases including HIV, cancer, and abortion, there are fears that individuals could be identified if security measures on the laptops were bypassed.

Source: <http://www.pcpro.co.uk/news/security/368062/nhs-loses-laptop-holding-8m-patient-records>

37. *June 15, Associated Press* – (National) **Government lists formaldehyde as cancer causer.** The strong-smelling chemical formaldehyde causes cancer, while styrene, a second industrial chemical that’s used worldwide in the manufacture of fiberglass and food containers, may cause cancer, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) said. The

NIH said June 10 that people with higher measures of exposure to formaldehyde are at increased risk for certain types of rare cancers, including those affecting the upper part of the throat behind the nose. The chemical is widely used to make resins for household items, including paper product coatings, plastics and textile finishes. It also is commonly used as a preservative in medical laboratories, mortuaries and consumer products including some hair straightening products. The government said styrene is a component of tobacco smoke, and NIH said the greatest exposure to the chemical is through cigarette smoking. The two chemicals were among eight added to the government's list submitted to Congress of chemicals and biological agents that may put people at increased risk of cancer.

Source: <http://yourlife.usatoday.com/health/medical/cancer/story/2011/06/Government-lists-formaldehyde-as-cancer-causer/48352682/1>

38. *June 14, Springfield Republican* – (Massachusetts) **Police seek complaint against sergeant who allegedly threatened hospital employee where accused cop-shooter Tamik Kirkland was recuperating.** A Hampden, Massachusetts district attorney said police will seek criminal charges against a sergeant in the state department of corrections, alleging he made a threatening phone call to an employee at a nurses' station outside the intensive care unit where an accused cop shooter was recuperating May 4. The accused, an escapee from Shirley state prison, went on a shooting spree April 30 in the city's Bay neighborhood. He killed a patron and wounded a barber in a State Street barbershop, and then opened fire on two officers on Cambridge Street when they tried to stop him from escaping in the trunk of a car. The sergeant will be required to appear at a hearing in Springfield District Court later this month. That hearing will not be open to the public. The charges sought include disorderly conduct, and threatening to commit a crime.

Source:

http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2011/06/police_seek_complaint_against_1.html

39. *June 14, Eugene Register-Guard* – (Oregon) **Those in frail health warned of respiratory virus.** Lane County, Oregon Public Health officials said June 13 they have noticed several clusters of a respiratory infection, human metapneumovirus, among elderly Lane County residents the past few weeks. It is a common virus, but can cause serious illness among frail, elderly people or people with compromised immune systems, such as those undergoing chemotherapy, the Lane County Public Health nursing supervisor said. The public health office said elderly residents or those with chronic lung disease, heart disease, diabetes, or problems with decreased immunity who develop severe cough and fever should call their doctor and ask if they need to be seen. There is no vaccine for the virus, the health office said. health officials said the best way to reduce the spread of any infectious respiratory illness is to practice healthy habits such as washing hands, covering one's mouth with something other than one's hand when one coughs or sneezes, and staying home when one is sick.

Source: <http://www.registerguard.com/web/updates/26387078-41/health-county-public-virus-lane.html.csp>

Government Facilities Sector

40. *June 15, Detroit Free Press* – (Michigan) **Video: Authorities detonate suspicious package near IRS building in Detroit.** A backpack that set off a bomb scare outside the IRS building on Michigan Avenue in Detroit, Michigan was detonated by the Detroit Police Bomb Squad June 15. The backpack was found at about 4:30 a.m. at the corner of Third and Michigan, a Detroit police inspector said. A power source spotted after an X-ray of the bag, prompted authorities to detonate the bag at the scene, versus remove it and detonate it elsewhere, he said. The police inspector, who would not elaborate on what the power source was, said investigators will review surveillance video to determine whether the bag was left accidentally or intentionally. The discovery forced the evacuation of the IRS building and, by 6:30 a.m., dozens of police and fire vehicles were on the scene. Michigan Avenue was closed, along with surrounding streets and sidewalks. By 7:30 a.m., Michigan Avenue was reopened and people were allowed back in the building. An IRS spokesman said about 900 people work in the building, one of three IRS computing centers in the United States.
Source: <http://www.freep.com/article/20110615/NEWS01/110615009/Authorities-detonate-suspicious-package-near-IRS-building-Detroit?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|FRONTPAGE>

41. *June 15, Salem Today's Sunbeam* – (New Jersey) **Salem County employees at the Fenwick Building evacuated after HVAC unit malfunction briefly fills building with smoke.** County employees were evacuated from a smoke-filled Fenwick Building in Salem, New Jersey, June 14 after an HVAC unit on the building's roof malfunctioned. The Salem Fire Department chief pinpointed the cause as a burnt belt. The deputy county administrator said the Fenwick Building was temporarily evacuated when smoke merged on the third floor of the building. He said the situation was resolved in an expeditious manner, and employees were allowed back in the building shortly after the incident. To extinguish the flow of smoke, crews from Salem County Buildings and Grounds isolated power to the unit so an investigation could begin by fire officials. The fire chief said crews responded to the building around 11 a.m. June 14, and remained in service for 45 minutes.
Source:
http://www.nj.com/salem/index.ssf/2011/06/salem_county_employees_at_the.html

42. *June 14, Associated Press* – (Utah) **Suspicious letter found at Utah IRS office.** Utah fire officials said a suspicious envelope prompted authorities to evacuate a single Internal Revenue Service worker from an Ogden federal building June 14. A deputy fire chief said the worker noticed some white powder in an envelope while opening the mail on the sixth floor of the 25th Street building. He said the worker immediately placed the envelope and letter opener inside of a large envelope, shut down the office ventilation system, and called authorities. The fire department's hazardous materials team determined the powder was harmless and turned the material over to the FBI for testing. The worker suffered no injury or illness and returned to work. The incident is

under investigation by federal authorities.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/dae3432991fb49fa9b63ca2ddeebfe68/UT--Suspicious-Letter/>

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Emergency Services Sector

43. *June 14, Los Angeles Times* – (Montana) **Montana halts search for militia member.** Montana authorities June 14 scaled down a search for a militia member accused of firing on two sheriff's deputies, saying the practiced survivalist and ex-convict could easily have traveled dozens of miles through the state's jagged western mountains. Missoula County sheriff's deputies saw a Jeep Cherokee run a stop sign June 12 and gave chase once it refused to pull over. The 47-year-old man led his pursuers off-road into the mountains, jumped out when he got stuck, and opened fire on the deputies with a handgun, authorities said. He then fled into the thick forest near Lolo, just southwest of Missoula. The man was convicted of weapons violations in 2002 as part of a federal investigation into a militia group called Project 7, which targeted law enforcement, according to an FBI report on domestic terrorism. He served 8 years in federal prison before his release in March 2010. Among the terms of his release was a prohibition on carrying firearms.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/la-na-militia-fugitive-20110615,0,7994391.story>

44. *June 14, Tukwila Reporter* – (Washington) **Faulty fire sprinkler damages evidence at State Patrol crime lab in Seattle.** Crime evidence was damaged when a malfunctioning fire sprinkler went off at about 2 p.m. June 13 at the Washington State Patrol's Crime Lab facility in Seattle. The leak occurred in a freezer used to store evidence, according to a state patrol media release. The evidence was moved to other locations within the lab that were unaffected and allowed to dry. The Seattle Fire Department responded shortly after the alarm sounded, and were able to shut the sprinkler system down and stop the flooding. The Washington State Fire Marshal's Office will investigate why the sprinkler system malfunctioned.

Source: http://www.pnwlocalnews.com/south_king/tuk/news/123838384.html

45. *June 14, Associated Press* – (National) **Coast Guard: Missing NJ boat case is possible hoax.** The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) launched an investigation June 14 into a possible hoax after a 10-hour search turned up no sign of four boaters who sent distress calls saying they were abandoning ship. Boats, planes, and helicopters were dispatched before sunrise in a rescue operation that joined together military, state, and local agencies and cost the USCG almost \$88,000. The rescue was called off in the afternoon after a search of a 600-square-mile area failed to turn up a boat, debris or the sailors. Authorities are searching for whoever made two false distress calls — a federal felony

— and are offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to arrest and prosecution. A USCG boat searched for 5 hours, while local police agencies searched from land. A USCG airplane from Massachusetts flew three rescue flights over the search area, while the USCG and New Jersey State Police searched by helicopter.
Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/nation-world/coast-guard-missing-nj-976332.html>

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Information Technology Sector

46. *June 15, H Security* – (International) **Adobe patches Flash, Reader and more.** Adobe’s patch release June 14 included updates for its Flash and Shockwave Players, Reader, Acrobat, ColdFusion, LiveCycle Data Services, and BlazeDS. All of the updates fix security vulnerabilities that can be remotely exploited by attackers to compromise systems or to crash software. Adobe has fixed a critical vulnerability in Flash Player for Windows, Mac, Linux, Solaris, and Android. The bug is fixed in version 10.3.181.26 for desktop systems; an update for Android is due shortly. In contrast to many Flash vulnerabilities, this time Reader and Acrobat are not affected. Adobe has fixed 13 vulnerabilities in versions 8.x, 9.x and 10.x for Windows, and Mac. The version number of Adobe Reader and Acrobat versions with a sandbox has been incremented to 10.1. The new version will be distributed and installed automatically via the automatic update function, as will the Flash update. Version 11.6.0.626 of Adobe’s Shockwave Player fixes 24 security-related bugs. There are also updates for LiveCycle Data Services and BlazeDS that fix two vulnerabilities. A hotfix for ColdFusion 9.0.1, 9.0, 8.0.1 and 8.0 for Windows, Mac, and Linux takes care of two vulnerabilities. Adobe’s Flash Player update has already seen Google update the stable and beta versions of the Chrome browser that bundles Flash.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Adobe-patches-Flash-Reader-and-more-1260569.html>

47. *June 15, Softpedia* – (International) **Serious upload path injection vulnerability patched in PHP.** Web masters are advised to manually patch PHP installations after a serious flaw allowing attackers to potentially delete files from root directories was publicly disclosed. The vulnerability lies in the “SAPI_POST_HANDLER_FUNC()” function in rfc1867.c and can be exploited to append forward or back slashes before the file name during an upload. This allows an attacker to delete files from the root directory or can be combined with other vulnerabilities to enhance attacks. The flaw is described as an input validation error and security bypass issue. Vulnerability research vendor Secunia rates it as “less critical.” A Polish Web application developer is credited with discovering and reporting the issue, but even though it was patched June 12, details about the flaw have been available online since May 27. The vulnerability, identified as CVE-2011-2202, affects PHP 5.3.6 and earlier versions. No new package has been released yet, but a patch can be grabbed from the repository and applied manually. The vulnerability carries a CVSS base score of between 2.6 and 5 out of 10.

It can be exploited remotely, does not require authentication, and has a partial impact on system integrity. System confidentiality and availability are not affected.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Serious-Upload-Path-Injection-Vulnerability-Patched-in-PHP-206162.shtml>

48. *June 14, IDG News Service* – (International) **LulzSec attacks gaming sites just for laughs.** Hacking group LulzSec initiated an attack against several gaming companies June 14. Called “Titanic Takeover June 14,” LulzSec took down systems at the Escapist, Eve Online, Minecraft, and League of Legends during a 3-hour distributed denial-of-service rampage. LulzSec emerged in May and immediately embarked on a series of high-profile hacking attacks, stealing data from Sony and game-maker Bethesda Softworks, and compromising computers at the U.S. Senate, and the Public Broadcasting Service, among others.
Source:
http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9217631/LulzSec_attacks_gaming_sites_just_forLaughs
49. *June 14, Computerworld* – (International) **Microsoft patches critical IE9, Windows bugs.** Microsoft June 14 patched 34 vulnerabilities in Windows, Internet Explorer (IE), Office, and other software, 15 labeled “critical” by the company. The large number of updates — as well as the fact Microsoft issued them 2 hours later than usual — will put pressure on enterprise administrators, one expert said. Of the 16 updates, which Microsoft calls bulletins, 9 were pegged critical, the most-serious rating in the company’s 4-step scoring system, while the remaining 7 were tagged “important,” the next-most-dangerous category. While the number of bugs patched was significantly less than the record 64 Microsoft fixed in April, it was the second-highest total for 2011. The 16 bulletins were just 1 off the record, also set last April. Fifteen of the 34 total vulnerabilities were rated critical, 17 were ranked important, and 2 were marked “moderate.” Microsoft picked 4 of the 16 updates to highlight, and urged customers to roll out the quartet as soon as possible. “Our top priorities are MS11-050, MS11-052, MS11-043 and MS11-042,” a group manager with the Microsoft Security Response Center said. He listed the four in the order of priority. Among the deploy-immediately bulletins, MS11-050 offered 11 patches for IE that Microsoft and independent experts pinned to the top of their lists.
Source:
http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9217623/Microsoft_patches_critical_IE9_Windows_bugs
50. *June 14, The Register* – (International) **Malware abusing Windows Autorun plummets.** Microsoft saw a sharp drop in malware infections that exploit a widely abused Windows Autorun feature almost immediately after it was automatically disabled in earlier versions of the operating system. As measured by Microsoft’s various antimalware programs, Windows XP and Vista suffered 1.3 million fewer infections in the 3 months following February’s retirement of Autorun compared with the 3 months preceding the change. By May, attacks hitting Vista machines plummeted 74 percent and fell by 59 percent for system running XP. Entire families of malware —

including Conficker, Taterf, and Rimecud — owe much of their prominence to Autorun, which was designed to make life easier for users by executing code embedded on thumb drives when they were attached to a computer without first prompting the user.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/06/14/autorun_malware_plummets/

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Communications Sector

51. *June 14, Hosting News* – (International) **Go Daddy returns after outage.** Web Hosting site Go Daddy is back online after facing an outage that lasted a few hours June 14. The Web hosting company took responsibility for the incident, saying a software update was responsible for the downtime. In a post on the site’s Community Blog, the company’s chief information officer stated, “We caused the issue, not someone else. We made some changes to our website, and those updates failed. As a result, www.GoDaddy.com went down.” He went on to say, “My team is investigating what went wrong with our site update process so we can avoid an issue like this in the future.” During the downtime, users were unable to access their accounts through the host provider’s home page. However, they could still access their accounts through mobile versions of Go Daddy’s site. Go Daddy is one of the largest online domain registrars, and currently hosts over 45 million domains.

Source: <http://www.thehostingnews.com/go-daddy-returns-after-outage-18575.html>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

52. *June 15, WPRI 12 Providence* – (Rhode Island) **Cranston church fire deemed accidental.** An overnight fire at a Cranston, Rhode Island church has been deemed “accidental”, according to investigators. Crews were called to 1532 Broad Street, the Greater Abundant Life Deliverance Center, just after 2:30 a.m. June 15. Although firefighters had the flames under control within 1 hour, they remained on scene for several hours. After a brief investigation, fire officials determined an electrical problem sparked the fire. Cranston’s deputy chief said heat and smoke in the old cinder block

building made locating the fire difficult. No one was injured in the fire, but the building sustained heavy damage. Damage estimates have not yet been determined.

Source: http://www.wpri.com/dpp/news/local_news/west_bay/overnight-fire-damages-cranston-church

53. *June 15, KOCO 5 Oklahoma City* – (Oklahoma) **More than 10,000 still without power in Norman.** Severe thunderstorms in central Oklahoma June 14 left one man with a slight injury, and some people trapped in their cars by power lines brought down by strong winds. Storms also left much of Norman without power overnight and into June 15. At its peak, there were more than 25,000 Oklahoma Gas and Electric customers without power. By 3 p.m., there were only 3,653 without electricity, according to OG&E's System Watch Web site. The Norman, Oklahoma deputy fire chief said a man was cut on the head when a power line was knocked onto his car June 14. The Garland Square Apartments and the Parkwood Apartments sustained major roof damage, prompting the American Red Cross to open a shelter for the night. A business called Norris Marine was also damaged significantly, and a Walmart on the east side of Norman sustained significant damage with holes in the store roof, carts strewn about the parking lot, and flooding inside. The deputy fire chief said some homes, businesses, and other structures had roof damage. The police captain said one apartment building was evacuated, and residents were taken to a nearby hotel. A city council meeting was stopped because of a power outage at city hall.

Source: <http://www.koco.com/r/28242718/detail.html>

54. *June 14, Attleboro Sun Chronicle* – (Massachusetts) **Gas leak sparks evacuation in Seekonk.** Construction workers repaving the parking lot at the Bank of America on Route 114A in Seekonk, Massachusetts, accidentally struck a 1.25-inch high-pressure natural gas line June 13, forcing officials to evacuate nearby businesses for about an hour. Police blocked Route 114A and diverted traffic through the driveway to the Lowe's store and onto Mink Street around the site of the emergency. A portion of Route 6 was also blocked. The incident occurred just before 8:45 a.m., and the area was busy with commuter traffic. No injuries were reported, the fire chief said. Burger King and McDonald's restaurants were evacuated and guests at the Hampton Inn, across the street from the bank, were kept inside as a precaution, he said. Firefighters had to check surrounding businesses and the inn before they were determined to be safe, the fire chief said. Workers in the parking lot of the bank were removing an old layer of asphalt when the accident happened, the fire chief said.

Source: <http://www.thesunchronicle.com/articles/2011/06/14/news/9747016.txt>

55. *June 14, Cybercast News Service* – (California) **Smoking battery pack closes stretch of downtown San Diego.** A nylon bag found with smoke wafting out of it in front of the U.S. Grant Hotel in San Diego, California, prompted authorities June 14 to close a stretch of Broadway and evacuate nearby buildings while a bomb squad disposed of the object, which turned out to be a large battery pack. San Diego police got a report about the discovery of the suspicious package alongside the downtown thoroughfare about 1:15 p.m., a San Diego Police Department detective said. Officers shut down several blocks of Broadway, evacuated some nearby businesses, and called in an explosive-

ordnance team to investigate. They determined the suspicious-looking thing had been a lost or discarded power pack for an electric wheelchair. The device, which had wires attached to it, apparently had been emitting smoke due to overheating or some other type of malfunction.

Source: <http://www.cbs8.com/story/14908329/smoking-battery-pack-closes-stretch-of-downtown-main-drag>

56. *June 14, Tampa Bay Tribune* – (Florida) **Fire heavily damages Tampa apartment complex.** An early-morning fire ruined an apartment building off Sligh Avenue in Tampa, Florida, and displaced about 16 families, authorities said June 14. About 70 firefighters responded to the fire. Eight apartments were destroyed. One resident had minor burns, but no one was seriously injured. The fire started about 5 a.m. and spread quickly as it raced through a common attic area at the Commons apartments. Hillsborough County and Tampa firefighters responded to the fire, which took about 1 hour and 40 minutes to control, authorities said.

Source: <http://www2.tbo.com/news/breaking-news/2011/jun/14/5/apartment-fire-in-tampa-burns-several-units-ar-237231/>

57. *June 14, WWJ 950 AM Detroit* – (Michigan) **Ruptured gas line, evacuations in Novi.** A busy section of Novi, Michigan, was evacuated June 14 as utility crews worked to cap a ruptured gas line. A spokesperson for Consumers Energy said a construction crew hit the line near Novi Road and Main Street. About six businesses were evacuated. The intersection was closed. The spokesperson said about 165 customers would lose gas service while repairs were being made. A majority of those are residential customers and a nearby apartment complex. Police said no one was injured.

Source: <http://detroit.cbslocal.com/2011/06/14/ruptured-gas-line-evacuations-in-novi/>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

58. *June 15, CNN* – (Arizona; New Mexico) **Arizona residents evacuated by wildfire allowed to go home.** After 13 days, the 200-plus residents of Nutrioso, Arizona, were allowed to return home early June 15. The Wallow Fire, raging in eastern Arizona and western New Mexico, has grown into the largest fire ever battled in Arizona, according to fire officials. As of the morning of June 15, it had burned 747 square miles — 478,452 acres — and was 20 percent contained, officials said. Centered in a sparsely populated national forest, the Wallow fire is not the most destructive in terms of property. It has destroyed 32 homes and 36 outbuildings including sheds and barns. Officials with an interagency team fighting the massive blaze said late June 14 the evacuation order issued June 2 for Nutrioso had been lifted. People carrying identification showing they live in Nutrioso were allowed to return to the town after 10 a.m.. The decision to lift the order came at the end of a day where the blaze was

officially recorded as the worst wildfire in Arizona history and firefighters claimed to have made significant strides in containing it. The fire has raged throughout the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest since May 29. Television station KNXV 15 Phoenix reported June 14 that fire investigators suspect the blaze was started by a campfire. “I looks like it was a campfire, and we’ve got a couple of people of interest that we’re talking to right now,” a U.S. Forest Service spokesman told KNXV. As crews gained ground on the Wallow Fire, firefighters June 14 battled Monument Fire, which has burned 5,200 acres in southwest Arizona. Across Arizona, high temperatures, strong winds, and an extended stretch of very low humidity are fueling at least five fires. Source: http://www.cnn.com/2011/US/06/15/arizona.wildfires/index.html?hpt=hp_t2

59. *June 15, Fort Worth Star-Telegram* – (Texas) **Texas’ unprecedented wildfire season gets even worse.** Large fires were burning across Texas June 14, including a 2,500-acre blaze in Palo Pinto County about 60 miles west of Fort Worth. Fire crews across the state are confronting record high fire danger ratings and all-time lows for fuel-moisture content, the head of the Texas Forest Service’s (TFS) predictive services department said (low fuel-moisture content means that vegetation is dry). According to fire experts, the situation is adding up to a potential nightmare scenario. The governor renewed his proclamation of a statewide disaster June 11, and requested again that the federal government issue a disaster designation. Since September 1, suppressing the wildfires has cost about \$126.7 million, a TFS spokeswoman said. So far, 460 homes have burned, along with automobiles, livestock, barns, crops, and countless miles of fencing. The Southwestern Insurance Information Service estimates roughly \$200 million in property losses. The forest service was fighting 13 large fires June 14 that have charred 59,000 acres. The largest is the uncontained 30,000-acre Bird Ranch 2 Fire in rugged terrain west of Paducah, between Wichita Falls and Lubbock, according to a fire information officer for the Texas State Lone Star Incident Management Team. The Dos Amigos Fire, covering 19,327 acres 35 miles north of San Angelo, has destroyed 17 travel trailers and 1 motor home over its 3 by 7.5 mile path. Source: <http://www.star-telegram.com/2011/06/14/3152612/texas-unprecedented-wildfire-season.html>
60. *June 14, Reuters* – (Colorado; New Mexico) **Wildfire prompts closure of New Mexico national park.** A brush fire that has torched 16,000 acres of high desert in southeastern New Mexico forced the closure of Carlsbad Caverns National Par, and the evacuation of an adjacent town June 14, authorities said. The fire, which erupted in the park June 13, also prompted authorities to shut down a 30-mile stretch of U.S. Highway 62-180 between the city of Carlsbad and the Texas border, the Eddy County sheriff’s captain said. As of the afternoon of June 14, firefighters had managed to carve a containment line around 10 percent of the fire’s perimeter, but were hampered by 100-degree heat, sustained winds of 30 miles per hour, and extremely low humidity. Meanwhile, the Track Fire burning 300 miles to the north along the Colorado border tripled in size overnight June 13 to 24,000 acres and has destroyed nine structures, according to a New Mexico forestry spokesman. The fire, which started June 12 north of Raton, has forced the closure of a 30-mile segment of Interstate 25 between Raton and Trinidad, Colorado, due to reduced visibility from drifting smoke. About 500

residents in the vicinity of Raton were evacuated.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/06/14/us-wildfire-newmexico-carlsbad-idUSTRE75D6EZ20110614>

61. *June 14, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **Wildfire burning 1,800 acres near Westcliffe.** Pechota's Rocky Mountain Type 2 Incident Management Team has taken over command of a wildfire 8 miles northwest of Westcliffe, Colorado. The Duckett Fire, which started June 12, has grown to 1,800 acres and has forced evacuations in Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp, and Eagle Peak subdivision, according to a release from the U.S. Forest Service. Associated Press reported that residents of about 50 homes in Custer County were warned to be ready to evacuate if the fire spreads southward. Residents of 50 homes in Fremont County to the north have already been asked to voluntarily evacuate, but it is not clear how many had decided to leave. Dry brush in the area helped speed up the fire. The forecast for the area does not call for high winds, but gusts are possible later in the afternoon of June 14. Fire crews were working to try and protect structures in the area and set up fire lines.

Source: http://www.denverpost.com/breakingnews/ci_18271232

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Dams Sector

62. *June 15, Sioux Falls Argus Leader* – (Iowa; South Dakota) **Gavins Point Dam opens to maximum planned release (video).** The Gavins Point Dam in South Dakota began releasing 150,000 cubic feet per second of water through its spillways June 14 — the maximum release, according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers — feeding the swollen Missouri River and dumping a record amount of water on riverside communities downstream. The river at Yankton, South Dakota was 5 feet above flood stage the evening of June 14, according to the U.S. Geological Service. Overall, the Corps is anticipating that it will have to move twice as much water in 2011 through the river system above Sioux City, Iowa, as it normally does: 52 million acre-feet compared with an annual average of about 25 million acre-feet, said the Corps' operations director for the dam.

Source: <http://www.argusleader.com/article/20110615/NEWS/106150318/Water-pushes-Gavins-Point-Dam-limit-video-?odyssey=nav|head>

63. *June 15, Associated Press* – (Iowa; Missouri) **Officials hope temporary levee will save Iowa town.** A temporary earthen levee is the only barrier standing between Hamburg, Iowa and the floodwaters of the Missouri River, and officials hope efforts to beef it up will be enough to keep the small southwestern Iowa town from filling up with water. Crews working for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers hope to pile at least 3 feet of extra dirt atop the levee before the evening of June 15. The stakes are high: If it fails, parts of the town could be covered by as much as 10 feet of water within days, and high water could linger for months. The hurriedly constructed levee became Hamburg's last line of defense after the river punched through another levee downstream in northwest Missouri that provided the town's primary protection. That

failure left water gushing through a large gap on a path to inundate the town of 1,100 — unless the other levee can be made taller. Even though the levee breach was downstream, the floodwaters were flowing north to fill the area around Hamburg because the town sits in a valley.

Source: http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2011/06/15/general-us-missouri-river-flooding_8517274.html

64. *June 14, Montana Standard* – (Montana) **State breaches part of Silver Bow Creek dam west of Butte.** The state of Montana breached a section of the Silver Bow Creek dam west of Butte June 14, curtailing the possibility of a blowout amidst unusually high floodwaters. The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) approved the work as the creek's water flows neared 800 cubic feet per second recently, a marked increase from recent years. The dam, which extends across Silver Bow Creek, acts like a dike to contain mining waste in a collection pond. Jordan Contracting of Butte used an excavator to breach a roughly 150-foot wide section of the rock dam, located just south of Fairmont Road, hoping to relieve pressure on the structure and prevent a washout, said the state's manager on the Silver Bow Creek project. Crews as recently as June 11 placed additional rocks hoping to further stabilize the dam, but the manager said high water flows persisted.
- Source: http://missoulian.com/news/state-and-regional/article_d3ff8fea-9706-11e0-a57b-001cc4c002e0.html
65. *June 14, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana; Mississippi) **30 more Bonnet Carre Spillway bays closed.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers closed an additional 30 bays of the Bonnet Carre Spillway in Louisiana June 14, as Mississippi River levels continued to drop. The closure leaves 230 of the spillway's 350 bays open. One bay remains open at the Morganza Floodway. The Corps began closing the 330 open bays June 11 as river levels continue to fall. The portion of the river between Vicksburg, Mississippi, and Donaldsonville, Louisiana, remained above flood stage. The level at Reserve, just above the spillway, has dropped below the 22-foot flood stage, the level at which the river would overflow if the levee system was not in place. Levee district and Corps officials continue to inspect the levees for damage as the water falls.
- Source:
http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2011/06/30_more_bonnet_carre_spillway.html
66. *June 14, Associated Press* – (Utah) **Crews working to repair Weber River levee In Utah.** A Utah sheriff's official said crews were working to repair and reinforce up a breached levee along the Weber River. A Weber County sheriff's lieutenant said crews were working around the clock to stop water from flowing into a small canal and surrounding fields, and toward nearby homes about 10 miles west of Ogden. He told the Standard-Examiner of Ogden that officials did not see a rise in standing water in fields June 13, and no damage to homes has been reported. A National Guard Blackhawk helicopter was brought in June 10 to help transport 50 one-ton sandbags to the scene of the 40-foot-long levee break that occurred early June 9. The lieutenant said

muddy conditions have made it difficult to get heavy equipment to the site.
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