



Homeland Security

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- KSAZ 10 Phoenix reports a special agent with Homeland Security Investigations in Nogales, Arizona, was charged with sharing sensitive data with relatives and friends with strong ties to drug trafficking organizations. (See item [41](#))
- According to PC Pro, the Lulz Security hacker group released 62,000 e-mail addresses and passwords, encouraging followers to test the details on Facebook, and other Web sites. (See item [44](#))

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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, WTNH 8 Bridgeport* – (Connecticut) **Conn. cars being damaged by bad gasoline.** Local auto shops in Milford, Connecticut, are swamped with dozens of cars in need of repairs, all due to bad gasoline. One dealership alone has serviced 15 cars with fuel injection problems. Other service centers in Connecticut have been responding to similar complaints. The source of contamination has not been pinpointed yet, but dealers in the area believe the bad gasoline came from a terminal in New Haven. Each terminal distributes gasoline to many different stations throughout the

area.

Source: <http://www.wtnh.com/dpp/news/business/conn-cars-being-damaged-by-bad-gasoline>

2. *June 15, Craig Daily Press* – (Colorado) **Power outage shuts down mining operations at Twentymile Coal Co.** Mining operations at Twentymile Coal Co. in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, have been temporarily suspended while officials there work to fix a blown transformer that caught fire June 14 and cut electricity to the mine. A transformer at the mine's electrical substation blew after an animal climbed onto it. The West Routt Fire Protection District and the Routt County Sheriff's Office were called to the mine at about 9 p.m. for a report of flames coming from the substation. The West Routt fire chief said the fire caused about \$500,000 in damage. West Routt Fire Protection District crews had to wait until the electricity was shut off going into the substation before they could douse the fire with water, a spokesman said. The coal mine is operated by Peabody Energy under the subsidiary of Peabody Twentymile Mining LLC.
Source: <http://www.craigdailynews.com/news/2011/jun/15/power-outage-shuts-down-mining-operations-twenty>
3. *June 15, Augusta Chronicle* – (Georgia) **Storms cause power outages across area.** Severe thunderstorms rolled into the Augusta, Georgia, region June 15, knocking out power to more than 50,000 customers and felling trees and streetlights. Georgia Power Co. had 46,500 customers in Richmond, Columbia and McDuffie counties without power at 10:30 p.m., a spokeswoman said. Columbia County Emergency and Operations also reported multiple power outages, downed trees and transformers, and small fires caused by the storms.
Source: <http://chronicle.augusta.com/latest-news/2011-06-15/storms-roll-through-area?v=1308177537>
4. *June 15, Rockville Patch* – (Maryland) **Propane tanker leak snarls traffic.** A tanker truck leaking propane led to evacuations from several businesses and diverted midday traffic June 15 along Frederick Road in Rockville, Maryland, a county fire and rescue service spokesman said. A hazardous materials unit responded to a call at about 11:30 a.m. from the College Plaza Exxon, said a spokesman with the county fire and rescue service. Fire and rescue personnel determined the leak was coming from a damaged valve on a propane truck's 500-gallon tank. The gas station and two nearby businesses were evacuated, and traffic was diverted for about a half-hour in both directions on Frederick Road at Gude Drive, he said. No injuries were reported. The leak was contained and Frederick Road was reopened around 12:10 p.m., but traffic remained slow in the area.
Source: <http://rockville.patch.com/articles/propane-tanker-leak-snarls-traffic>
5. *June 15, WDSU 6 New Orleans* – (Louisiana) **Stuck tanker freed, but river concerns remain.** A grounded oil tanker on the Mississippi River has been freed from the mud where it got stranded near New Orleans, Louisiana, about 5 miles from the Gulf of Mexico. The 800-foot tanker Ratna Puja was southbound carrying a load of carbon

black oil when it got stuck June 13. Ships were able to get around the stranded vessel, but the incident highlighted the dangers of the swollen Mississippi. A U.S. Representative from Louisiana warned that serious consequences were possible if additional vessels become stuck on sediment along the floor of the river. Record water flow in the Mississippi River this spring has deposited additional sediment and reduced the operating depth of the river, putting large cargo ships at risk of running aground. The representative warns closure of the Mississippi to heavy cargo traffic would cost the country as much as \$295 million per day.

Source: <http://www.wdsu.com/news/28246262/detail.html>

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Chemical Industry Sector

6. *June 15, Canton Repository* – (Ohio) **Fertilizer truck flips over in Marlboro.** A westbound fertilizer truck trying to get around a curb on State Street NE in Marlboro Township, Ohio, flipped over June 15 near Werner Church Road, dumping about 2 tons of fertilizer on State Street, the police chief said. The driver sustained minor injuries in the crash, which took place around 5 p.m., and was taken to Mercy Medical Center. No one else was hurt and no other vehicle was involved, the chief said. State Street was temporarily closed from Werner Church to Fromes Avenue NE. It was not clear when it would be opened. The chief said Ohio Highway Patrol troopers would handle the investigation.

Source: <http://www.cantonrep.com/stark/nestark/x1425869239/Fertilizer-truck-flips-over-in-Marlboro>

7. *June 15, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Firefighting crews in La. chemical plant.** State police said a fire was under control at a south Louisiana chemical plant and hazardous materials crews were spraying hot spots June 15. A state trooper said that after the fire is out, investigators can go into the Multi-Chem Corp. plant to begin searching for a cause. He said businesses and homes within a mile probably will remain evacuated at least through the night. Nobody was hurt in the explosion and fire June 14. A state Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) spokeswoman said chemicals at the site include xylene, toluene and methanol. All three can pose health risks. However, the corporation and DEQ said air quality measurements in the evacuation area were at safe levels June 15 and air monitoring is continuing. Chemicals for oil fields are blended and stored at the plant.

Source: <http://www.beaumontenterprise.com/news/article/Firefighting-crews-in-La-chemical-plant-1426392.php>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

8. *June 16, Associated Press* – (National) **75 percent of nuke sites have leaked tritium.** Radioactive tritium has leaked from three-quarters of U.S. commercial nuclear power sites, often into groundwater from corroded, buried piping, an Associated Press (AP) investigation shows. The number and severity of the leaks has been escalating, even as federal regulators extend the licenses of more and more reactors across the nation. Tritium, a radioactive form of hydrogen, has leaked from at least 48 of 65 sites, according to U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) records reviewed as part of the AP's year-long examination of safety issues at aging nuclear power plants. Leaks from at least 37 of those facilities contained concentrations exceeding the federal drinking water standard — sometimes at hundreds of times the limit. While most leaks have been found within plant boundaries, some have migrated offsite. But none is known to have reached public water supplies. At three sites — two in Illinois and one in Minnesota — leaks have contaminated drinking wells of nearby homes, the records show, but not at levels violating the drinking water standard. At a fourth site, in New Jersey, tritium has leaked into an aquifer and a discharge canal feeding Barnegat Bay off of the Atlantic Ocean. Any exposure to radioactivity, no matter how slight, boosts cancer risk, according to the National Academy of Sciences. Federal regulators set a limit for how much tritium is allowed in drinking water, where this contaminant poses its main health risk.

Source:

<http://www.burlingtonfreepress.com/article/20110616/NEWS04/110616010/75-percent-nuke-sites-leaked-tritium-?odysey=mod|newswell|text|FRONTPAGE|s>

9. *June 16, Chattanooga Times Free Press* – (Tennessee) **German nuclear waste headed to Tennessee.** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has approved licenses that will allow up to 1,000 tons of Germany's low-level radioactive waste to be brought to Oak Ridge, Tennessee, for incineration. EnergySolutions, a Utah-based multinational company that operates radioactive waste disposal facilities in Oak Ridge said the process is safe when the proposal was introduced a few months ago. Company officials also said EnergySolutions has treated low-level radioactive waste — such as X-ray equipment, medical waste, or contaminated clothing and mops from nuclear plants — for American businesses and the government at Oak Ridge since the facility opened more than 20 years ago. Because the licenses have been approved but not yet signed, the company has not confirmed import dates for the waste, an EnergySolutions spokesman said. Tennessee is the only state that allows commercial burning of radioactive waste, licensing six incinerators. The state already receives 75 percent of the nation's low-level radioactive waste — about 41 million pounds per year, according to state records.

Source: <http://timesfreepress.com/news/2011/jun/16/german-nuclear-wastes-headed-tennessee/>

10. *June 15, Business Insider* – (Nebraska) **Airspace over flooded Nebraska nuclear power plant still closed.** A fire in Nebraska's Fort Calhoun nuclear power plant briefly knocked out the cooling process for spent nuclear fuel rods, ProPublica reports. The

fire occurred June 7, and knocked out cooling at the Blair plant for about 90 minutes. After 88 hours, the cooling pool would boil dry and highly radioactive materials would be exposed. The Federal Administration Aviation (FAA) issued a directive June 6 banning aircraft from entering airspace within a 2-mile radius of the plant. "No pilots may operate an aircraft in the areas covered by this NOTAM," referring to the "notice to airmen," effective immediately. Since the week of June 13, the plant has been under a "notification of unusual event" classification, because of the rising Missouri River. That is the lowest level of emergency alert. The Omaha Public Power District (OPPD) claims the FAA closed airspace over the plant because of the Missouri River flooding. But the ban specifically lists the Fort Calhoun Nuclear Power Plant as the location. The plant is adjacent to the now-flooding river, about 20 minutes outside Omaha, and has been closed since April for refueling. WOWT, the local NBC affiliate, reports on its Web site: "The Ft. Calhoun Nuclear Facility is an island right now but it is one that authorities say is going to stay dry. They say they have a number of redundant features to protect the facility from flood waters that include the aqua dam, earthen berms and sandbags." An OPPD spokesman said the plant is in a "stable situation." He said the Missouri River is currently at 1005.6" above sea level, and that no radioactive fuel had yet been released or was expected to be released in the future. Asked about the FAA flight ban, the spokesman said it was due to high power lines and "security reasons that we can't reveal." He said the flight ban remains in effect.

Source: <http://www.businessinsider.com/faa-closes-airspace-over-flooded-nebraska-nuclear-power-plant-2011-6>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

11. *June 16, Reuters* – (National) **Chrysler recalls 11,000 vehicles for steering issue.** Chrysler Group LLC has recalled 11,351 vehicles for a possible missing or incorrectly installed part that could result in loss of steering capability and increase the risk of a crash, Reuters reported June 16. Some of the 2011 model-year vehicles were built with a missing or incorrectly installed pivot rivet on the steering column, according to documents filed with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). A Chrysler spokesman said the company was cooperating with the NHTSA, and that there had been no reports of accidents or injuries related to the issue. Affected vehicles include the Chrysler 200 and 200 convertible cars; Town and Country minivan; Dodge Avenger, Caliber, Caravan, Journey and Nitro vehicles; and Jeep Compass, Liberty, Patriot, and Wrangler SUVs, according to the NHTSA documents. Dealers will inspect for the presence of the rivet and repair the steering column pivot as required. Plans call for the recall to begin in June.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/06/16/us-chrysler-recall-idUSTRE75F3M820110616>

12. *June 15, Jackson Clarion-Ledger* – (Mississippi) **Flowood plant fire ties up traffic.** Clouds of dark smoke covered a Nucor Steel plant June 15 in Flowood, Mississippi, after a fire blazed out of control, tying up emergency responders and

causing massive traffic jams along Flowood Drive. The fire was reported around 9:30 a.m. No injuries were reported. By mid-afternoon, the fire in a scrap recycling area was reported as extinguished, and the jammed road was reopened. The plant sits just off the heavily traveled thoroughfare. The cause of the blaze remains under investigation, and firefighters remained on the scene later in the afternoon to handle potential hot spots, according to the steel plant's vice president and general manager. "There was no equipment damage," he said. Motorists along Flowood Drive were backed up for hours, and some were redirected to alternative routes. Smoke was visible to drivers on sections of I-55 and I-20. A member of the state Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) emergency response team was on scene around 11 a.m. to gauge the extent of the fire and impact on surrounding neighbors, a DEQ spokesman said. After determining the smoke was not reaching residences nearby, DEQ decided there was no need to monitor the air, he said.

Source: <http://www.clarionledger.com/article/20110616/NEWS/106160337/Flowood-plant-fire-ties-up-traffic?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|Home|p>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

13. *June 15, Flight International* – (California) **Second X-51 hypersonic flight ends prematurely.** The second flight of the hypersonic Boeing X-51 waverider ended prematurely due to an inlet unstart. The aircraft made a controlled crash into the Pacific Ocean off the California coast June 13, with the crash representing a setback to the program. After what the U.S. Air Force described as a "flawless" flight to the launch point aboard a Boeing B-52 mothership, the X-51 was successfully boosted to Mach 5.0 by a rocket booster. The Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne scramjet engine successfully ignited using its initial fuel, ethylene. During the immediate transition to JP-7, the conventional fuel that makes the X-51 unique, an inlet unstart occurred. A subsequent attempt to restart and reorient to optimal conditions was unsuccessful. An inlet unstart, according to NASA, occurs when the shock wave moves too far out in front of the air inlet, causing a momentary lapse in airflow to the engine. Scramjet engines depend on extremely precise shock wave movements and engine airflow to function.

Source: <http://www.flightglobal.com/articles/2011/06/15/358056/second-x-51-hypersonic-flight-ends-prematurely.html>

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Banking and Finance Sector

14. *June 16, IDG News* – (International) **Citigroup reveals breach affected over 360,000 cards.** Over 360,083 Citigroup credit card accounts in North America were affected as a result of a compromise of its card account management Web site in May, the bank said in an update June 15. These were accounts issued in the United States, the bank said. Citigroup first disclosed publicly the compromise of Citi Account Online the week of June 6, when it said that about 210,000 accounts had been affected. Customers

are not liable for any unauthorized use of their accounts, Citigroup said June 15 in a statement. The main cards processing systems and other consumer banking online systems were not compromised, the bank said. The customers' account information such as name, account number, and contact information, including e-mail address were viewed by the hackers. The majority of accounts impacted were identified within 7 days of discovery. Notification letters were sent beginning June 3, the majority of which included reissued credit cards.

Source:

http://www.pcworld.com/businesscenter/article/230405/citigroup_reveals_breach_affected_over_360000_cards.html

15. *June 16, Fort Lauderdale Sun Sentinel* – (Florida) **Serial bank robber strikes again in Fort Lauderdale.** Officials said a serial bank robber struck again June 15 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. According to the FBI, he walked into the Bank of America at 3600 N. Federal Highway at about 3:45 p.m. and demanded money from a teller, who complied. The robber then left the bank on foot. The FBI said the same robber – who is bald and has kept his sunglasses on during the robberies — on June 10 held up both the Bank of America at 13450 W. Dixie Highway, in North Miami Beach, and the Bank Atlantic at 1745 E. Sunrise Boulevard, in Fort Lauderdale. Authorities are not saying how much money was stolen.

Source: <http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/serial-bank-robber-strikes-again-in-fort-lauderdale-1543249.html>

16. *June 15, Tampa Bay Business Journal* – (International) **Morgan European Holdings principal pleads guilty in investment scheme.** A man pleaded guilty June 15 to federal charges in a fraudulent investment scheme associated with Morgan European Holdings APS. The Sarasota, Florida man faces up to 5 years in federal prison on a charge of conspiracy and 10 years on a money laundering charge, a press statement from the U.S. attorney for the Middle District of Florida said. The man and others were accused of using \$10.7 million of the \$27 million invested in MEH accounts for their personal benefit.

Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/tampabay/news/2011/06/15/morgan-european-holdings-principal.html>

17. *June 15, Associated Press* – (Missouri; Kansas) **8 more indicted in KC-area securities fraud case.** A federal grand jury June 15 indicted eight more people for their roles in a \$7.2 million securities fraud conspiracy involving a Kansas City, Missouri company. Federal prosecutors in Kansas City said in a release that the eight new defendants and four earlier defendants were charged June 15. They were charged in a 20-count indictment that accuses them of promoting Petro America to potential investors, despite cease and desist orders from both Missouri and Kansas. The new indictment adds charges and alleges that the 12 defendants tried to create the appearance that Petro America had assets worth about \$284 billion, when it did not. Prosecutors said about 12,000 victims invested more than \$7.2 million in Petro America.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9NSKS4G0.htm>

18. *June 15, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* – (Pennsylvania) **Lawrenceville woman pleads guilty to bank fraud.** A Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania woman pleaded guilty June 15 to filing deceptive paperwork that contributed to the 2007 federal takeover of 115-year-old Metropolitan Savings Bank, but prosecutors and her defense attorney disagreed on the amount of loss she caused. The 46-year-old woman could get as much as 10 years in jail if the entire \$10.2 million loss incurred by the bank's collapse is attributed to her. The woman admitted that in late 2006, she input data on disclosures to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) indicating the bank had no overdue loans. Actually, it had \$1.4 million in payments overdue by 30 to 89 days, and \$5.6 million in payments overdue 90 days or more. When the FDIC took over the bank, it bore most of the loss, but 24 depositors had amounts in the bank that were above the agency's \$100,000 insurance limit. The woman pleaded guilty to one of five counts of false entry of bank records.
Source: <http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/11166/1153848-100.stm>

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Transportation Sector

19. *June 15, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Police: US Airways employee arrested in Pittsburgh after stowing away on Florida to NC flight.** Authorities said a US Airways employee was arrested June 15 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, after allegedly stowing away on an earlier flight from Tampa, Florida, to Charlotte, North Carolina. The Allegheny County police superintendent told the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review the employee was arrested shortly before noon after getting off a flight at Pittsburgh International Airport. The Transportation Security Administration said it is investigating whether the employee improperly used his airport credentials to get on the flight. Police said he was spotted leaving the cargo area. The employee apparently had a ticket for the flight to Pittsburgh. The man asked to be taken for a psychiatric evaluation after being taken into custody.
Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/police-us-airways-employee-arrested-in-pittsburgh-after-stowing-away-on-florida-to-nc-flight/2011/06/15/AGhqlkVH_story.html
20. *June 15, San Mateo County Times* – (California) **Big rig carrying oxygen tank explodes on San Mateo bridge.** Traffic stalled for hours June 15 after a big rig carrying an oxygen tank burst into flames and exploded on the San Mateo Bridge in California. The truck crashed around 10:13 a.m. on the eastbound side of the bridge causing two of the right-hand lanes to close for about 90 minutes while firefighters put out the flames. After crews drained the diesel from the vehicle's tank, it was taken away by a tow truck at about 3:20 p.m. The rig caught fire after the driver lost control and it slammed into a wall adjacent to the far right lane. The truck's 26-foot trailer was carrying a large, empty oxygen tank from a construction site and many plastic chairs. It is unclear what sparked the fire or why the tank exploded. The driver escaped without

injury and no one else was hurt.

Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/san-mateo-county/ci_18284580?nclick_check=1

21. *June 15, Bakersfield Californian* – (California) **Gas line rupture forces road closure, snags traffic at 24th and Oak streets.** A ruptured gas line forced the closure of a major intersection in Bakersfield, California, during the evening commute June 15. Oak Street was closed north of 21st Street, and 24th Street was closed between Elm Street and Buck Owens Boulevard. Access to Rosedale Highway through Oak Street was completely blocked. The rupture happened on Oak north of 24th about 3:30 p.m. when a CalTrans contractor, Dreambuilder, used a backhoe to remove a concrete foundation and struck the gas main, according to the Bakersfield Fire Department battalion chief, and a spokesman for CalTrans. Streets remained closed as of 8:45 p.m.

Source: <http://www.bakersfield.com/news/local/x2131987197/Gas-line-rupture-causes-road-closure-at-24th-and-Oak-streets>

22. *June 15, WTXF 29 Philadelphia* – (International) **Man said he had bomb on Philly flight.** A Minnesota man is in custody after allegedly telling the crew of a US Airways flight headed from Germany to Philadelphia that he had a bomb in his bag while appearing to be under the influence of an illegal narcotic June 14. According to an FBI affidavit, the man is facing charges for assault and interfering with the duties of a flight crew in connection with the incident. A flight attendant initially thought the man was nervous about flying when he approached her and said he did not know what he should do and she advised him to watch a movie, according to the court document. However, the man allegedly became progressively more erratic in his actions and even made sexual advances toward flight staff. Nothing dangerous was found in the man's bag, according to the FBI. The man was restrained with handcuffs and strapped to a chair for the remainder of the flight, and fell in and out of sleep, according to the FBI. He was taken into custody when the plane landed.

Source: http://www.myfoxphilly.com/dpp/news/local_news/man-said-he-had-bomb-on-philly-flight061511

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report

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Agriculture and Food Sector

23. *June 16, Food Safety News* – (California) **Listeria found inside vegan food plant.** Gloria's Pantry in Soquel, California, received a warning letter earlier in June after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) found *Listeria monocytogenes* on

food contact surfaces inside the plant. The food manufacturer makes "grab and go" vegetarian and vegan foods sold in grocery store dairy cases. It underwent an FDA inspection from January 13 through February 2. Inspectors said lab tests returned positive samples for Listeria on food contact surfaces, including a bowl used to hold lettuce. In a June 3 warning letter released the week of June 13, the FDA said a cracked plastic bowl repaired with tape was found to be contaminated with L. monocytogenes, a known pathogenic micro-organism. Gloria's product line includes flour tortilla sambosas and burritos, wraps, and spring rolls. The products are sold through Lite for Life, Whole Food Markets, Piazzas Fine Foods, Roberts Market, Country Sun Natural, New Leaf Markets, Food Bin, Staff of Life, Shoppers Corner, Aptos Natural, and Cornacopia Market.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/06/listeria-found-inside-vegan-food-maker/>

24. *June 15, Portland Oregonian* – (Oregon) **Haz-mat crews enter 'dragon's lair' to stanch Alpenrose Dairy ammonia leak.** Ammonia began leaking shortly after 11 a.m. June 15 at Alpenrose Dairy in Portland, Oregon. Two hazardous materials technicians zipped into "moon suits," to investigate the leak, where ammonia was spewing out of the blown valve. Six firefighters with the Portland Fire Bureau stood outside ready to assist the technicians or douse a fire. Staff at the dairy supplied a photo of the valve and fed the haz-mat technicians directions by radio. The safety valve turned, stanching the gas flow and defusing tension that built over about 3 hours. There were no reports of injuries to dairy employees or nearby residents. After authorities issued a warning to stay indoors and turn off ventilation systems, residents hunkered down. The warning covered homes and businesses within a half-mile of Alpenrose. The all-clear call came just after 2 p.m. Authorities did not know exactly how much ammonia leaked, but the dairy co-president and owner estimated it was between 1,000 and 2,000 pounds. The leaked gas dissipated in the air.

Source: http://www.oregonlive.com/portland/index.ssf/2011/06/haz-mat_crews_defuse_ammonia_1.html

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Water Sector

25. *June 16, Williamsport Sun-Gazette* – (Pennsylvania) **5 water wells, stream contaminated by methane.** Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is trying to learn how methane gas ended up in residential drinking water wells in Moreland and Franklin townships in eastern Lycoming County, the agency confirmed June 15. The agency also learned of bubbling in Little Muncy Creek. That situation was investigated and it was determined the bubbling, which occurred along a 50-yard section of the creek, was caused by methane. A DEP spokesman said methane has been found in five water wells. Test results showed methane levels were "elevated" in two of the wells, while test results of the other three are pending. XTO Energy, a

division of ExxonMobil, has a well pad with three drilled and hydrofractured natural gas wells on it within about 2,300 feet of the first well it investigated, he said. The agency received a report about the bubbling in the creek June 9, the spokesman said. He said the DEP has no knowledge of methane impacting aquatic life in the creek. Source: <http://www.sungazette.com/page/content.detail/id/565249/5-water-wells--stream-contaminated-by-methane.html?nav=5011>

26. *June 16, Lynn Daily Item* – (Massachusetts) **Water main break shuts off RESCO plant feed.** A water main break June 15 on the corner of Ballard Street and Route 107 in Saugus, Massachusetts, snarled traffic and cut off water for the RESCO plant for much of the morning as a crew from the Saugus Department of Public Works (SDPW) worked to repair the pipe and resurface the road. The SDPW director said a crack opened up in an 8-inch, cast iron main around 9 a.m. and was repaired and back in service at 3 p.m. "The water table down there is kind of high and that means it's tidal down there," he said. "That salt water does a job on anything that's underground down through all East Saugus and even parts of Lynn." The westbound side of Ballard Street off of Route 107 was closed for the day, as motorists traveling 107 South had to find another way into Saugus. The SDPW director said the break was one of at least two dozen this year, and would cost between \$10,000 and \$15,000 to fix. "We've got a lot of old pipes and we've been replacing them over the last 10 or 15 years the best we can." Source: <http://www.itemlive.com/articles/2011/06/16/news/news07.txt>
27. *June 15, Redding Record Searchlight* – (California) **Man in critical condition after water tank explosion at sewage treatment plant.** An operator at the Clear Creek sewage treatment plant in Redding, California was in critical condition the evening of June 15 after being seriously injured when a water tank exploded. The operator was next to the tank when it burst, the public works director for the City of Redding said. He said the tank was full of clean water and was near the end of the treatment system at the plant on Metz Road. Medics found the operator unconscious and bleeding with major head injuries after the 1:30 p.m. explosion. An ambulance took him to Mercy Medical Center, where a nursing supervisor said he was in critical condition just before 5:30 p.m. Source: <http://www.redding.com/news/2011/jun/15/man-injured-water-tank-explosion-sewer-treatment-p/?partner=RSS>
28. *June 15, Reuters* – (National) **Nebraska water scientists warn of oil pipeline's risk, call for more study.** Two University of Nebraska professors with expertise in groundwater flow and contamination warned that Great Plains states are risking an unknown level of environmental and economic hurt if the U.S. State Department persists in routing a controversial tar sands pipeline atop the Ogallala Aquifer without further study. In a June 6 letter to the U.S. Secretary of State, the two scientists explained how Nebraska's fragile sandhills region is vulnerable to crude oil pollution from a pipeline spill, and why a research information gap must be closed. Their concerns align with those expressed by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) authorities in their recent harsh critique of the State Department's second attempt to

draft an environmental review of the proposed \$7 billion Keystone XL pipeline. TransCanada's 1,702-mile Keystone XL is slated to pump diluted bitumen from Alberta, Canada's tar sands mines across Nebraska and five other states to Gulf Coast oil refineries via a 36-inch diameter underground pipeline. The professors urged the State Department to allow scientists and engineers to undertake a study using field data and numerical modeling to outline exactly how an oil spill would affect the sandhills, and devise strategies to safeguard the region's aquifer, streams, lakes, and wetlands. Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/06/15/idUS83598404220110615>

29. *June 15, KATU 2 Portland* – (Oregon) **Reservoir to be drained after man urinates in it.** A man urinated June 15 in a Mount Tabor reservoir in Portland, Oregon. The reservoir supplies drinking water for the city. The Portland Water Bureau (PWB) said June 15 it had taken the reservoir offline and that it will cost about \$35,000 to drain, clean, and refill it. The early-morning incident was caught on grainy surveillance video. But it shows five people and a dog at Reservoir No. 1 after park hours. After unknown objects were tossed in the reservoir, a man walks up and urinates into the drinking water. It will cost more than \$7,500 to empty the reservoir, and that drinking water would have sold for more than \$28,000. "It's 8 million gallons and there are people who will say it's an overreaction," the PWB administrator said. "I don't think so. I think just dealing with the 'yuck factor.' " No one has been arrested or cited in this case. The district attorney will determine possible criminal charges. Officials said the cleaning could take several days, but customers will not be impacted. Source: <http://southeastportland.katu.com/news/public-spaces/reservoir-be-drained-after-man-urinates-it/441182>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

30. *June 16, USA Today* – (National) **Childhood diseases return as parents refuse vaccines.** There have been at least 152 cases of measles diagnosed in the United States so far this year — twice the number seen in a typical year and the biggest outbreak in 15 years, said the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Half of patients have had to be hospitalized. For the doctors and nurses caring for patients, the return of vaccine-preventable diseases such as measles — a viral illness that once killed 3,000 to 5,000 Americans a year — is both frightening and all too predictable. All can be deadly. Although overall vaccine coverage remains high, about 40 percent of parents say they have deliberately skipped or delayed a shot for their children. Worldwide, the disease killed 164,000 people in 2008. Before a vaccine was available, 3.5 million Americans got measles each year, 100,000 were hospitalized, and 3,000 to 5,000 died, a spokesman from the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia said. In the past 3 years, doctors also have seen outbreaks of other vaccine-preventable diseases, such as mumps, whooping cough and a life-threatening bacterial infection called Hib. All can be deadly. The CDC said travelers should consider getting a measles shot if going abroad, due to

major outbreaks in Europe, and Southeast Asia.

Source: <http://yourlife.usatoday.com/health/medical/story/2011/06/Childhood-diseases-return-as-parents-refuse-vaccines/48414234/1?csp=34news>

31. *June 15, Citrus Daily* – (Florida) **Hospital patient arrested after threatening staff with gun.** Shortly before noon June 13, a patient undergoing medical treatment at Citrus Memorial Health System in Inverness, Florida, took a firearm from his wife's purse without her knowledge and threatened hospital personnel. Citrus County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to 502 W. Highland Boulevard, and took the 71-year-old man into custody without incident. No shots were fired, and no injuries were reported. According to the arrest report, the suspect pushed a hospital nurse away while he was holding a .38-caliber handgun. The arrest report said the nurse told deputies he did not want to leave his hospital room, and had become agitated. Another witness told deputies that he tried to assist the suspect back to the bed, but he pointed a gun at his head. The man then began pacing in the hallway. At one point, the suspect's attention was diverted and the witness seized the opportunity to grab the gun and bring him down to the ground, the arrest report said. The suspect was charged with one count of aggravated assault with a firearm, and one count of aggravated battery with a firearm. Source: <http://www.citrusdaily.com/hospital-patient-arrested-after-threatening-staff-gun/2011/06/15/77136.html>

32. *June 15, Marin Independent Journal* – (California) **Patients warned of data theft after burglary at Mill Valley doctor's office.** Patients at a Mill Valley, California medical office have been warned that credit card numbers and other personal information may have been compromised after a computer was stolen in a recent burglary. The computer was discovered missing the morning of June 6 by an employee at the doctor's office at 125 Camino Alto, police said. The employee arrived at work to find papers and equipment strewn about the floor and drawers left open, but no sign of forced entry, a Mill Valley police sergeant said. In addition to the computer, missing items included a credit card verification machine, and about \$150 in cash. No suspects have been identified, and the burglary is still under investigation, the sergeant said. Mill Valley has seen a number of commercial burglaries in recent months, and targets have included a veterinary office, and a dental office. Source: http://www.marinij.com/marinnews/ci_18281973

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Government Facilities Sector

33. *June 16, San Francisco Chronicle* – (California) **All-clear sounded at S.F. federal building.** Officials sounded the all-clear at the federal building on Golden Gate Avenue in San Francisco, California June 15 after a nearly 2-hour partial evacuation prompted by the discovery of a suspicious package. The first three floors and the basement of the building were evacuated around 12:30 p.m. Other people in the 20-story building, which houses federal courts, offices, and the Internal Revenue Service, were told to shelter in place. The package was determined not to be dangerous, and the all-clear was

sounded at 2:20 p.m.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/06/15/BACV1JUCB6.DTL>

34. *June 16, International Business Times* – (National) **LulzSec cyber attack on U.S. CIA possible hoax.** Since claiming responsibility for a successful cyber attack on the CIA's Web site June 15 the hacker collective LulzSec has since tweeted that not all comments made on its Twitter page are official statements for the group, leading to speculation about the authenticity of its most recent claim. LulzSec claimed responsibility for the attack via a tweet on its Twitter page. Since the initial tweet went out, LulzSec June 16 posted two new tweets indicating the media should take any statements made on its Twitter page with a pinch of salt: While parts of the CIA's Web site were down June 15, certain analysts and experts have already speculated that this could have been the result of the increased number of users trying to log on to check LulzSec's claims. Also, the CIA has not yet confirmed whether an actual cyber attack did occur. Thus far, all the agency has revealed is it is "looking into" LulzSec's claims.
Source: <http://uk.ibtimes.com/articles/163903/20110616/lulzsec-lulz-security-cia-senate-us-fbi-hack-hacked-hackers-cyber-attack-cyberattack.htm>
35. *June 16, New Haven Independent* – (Connecticut) **Ordnance spotted; library evacuated.** Librarians found a 225 millimeter artillery shell filed among the artifacts at Yale's Sterling Memorial Library in New Haven, Connecticut June 15. The discovery prompted an evacuation of the library June 15, as a police bomb squad checked it out. According to an e-mail sent out by a librarian, the shell was discovered shelved in the manuscripts and archives section of the library. Security then cleared that area and several other departments nearby. Police removed the shell and gave librarians the all-clear to return to work.
Source:
http://www.newhavenindependent.org/index.php/archives/entry/ordnance_causes_library_evacuation/id_37477
36. *June 15, Associated Press* – (Georgia) **Fire that damaged high school is called arson.** Authorities said a June 15 fire at Glenn Hills High School in Augusta, Georgia was intentionally set. The Augusta Chronicle reports the fire destroyed an office, and damaged other areas. A Richmond County Fire investigator said the fire likely caused hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage. He said firefighters found evidence of a burglary, although it is unclear whether anything was stolen. A Richmond County schools spokesperson said a firefighter injured in the fire was taken to a hospital for treatment. School officials said the fire also did extensive damage to the upper gym at the school.
Source: <http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/article/Fire-that-damaged-high-school-is-called-arson-1426117.php>
37. *June 15, Brewton Standard* – (Alabama) **Fire claims Pollard-McCall library.** A fire destroyed the library at Pollard-McCall Junior High School in Brewton, Alabama, June 15. Firefighters from McCall Volunteer Fire Department, Brewton Fire Department,

and Flomaton Fire Department responded. Members of the Escambia County Sheriffs Department also responded. Volunteers could be seen helping firemen stretch hoses and extinguish the flames. No information on the cause of the fire was immediately available. An investigation is expected.

Source: <http://www.brewtonstandard.com/2011/06/15/pollard-mccall-school-library-burns/>

38. *June 15, Pasadena Star-News* – (California) **Arcadia man pleads not guilty to possession of explosive device.** An Arcadia, California man allegedly found to have had a homemade bomb minutes after visiting his former middle school in January pleaded not guilty June 15 to four felony counts of possession of a destructive or explosive device. The 23-year-old was recently ordered to stand trial on three counts of reckless or malicious possession of destructive or explosive devices in certain places, and one count of possession of a destructive device. The first charge involves a January 14 incident in which the man was seen using a video camera and trying to open classrooms at the Foothills Middle School campus before walking toward the Bank of America. After witnesses said they saw him putting something into a black backpack or duffle bag in the bushes near the bank, officers found what appeared to be a homemade pipe bomb in the bag, police said. Arcadia officers evacuated nearby businesses and placed the school on lock-down as a precaution, and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Bomb Squad detonated the device. The other charges involve materials police found in the suspect's bedroom after securing a search warrant.

Source: http://www.pasadenastarnews.com/news/ci_18278728

39. *June 15, KGPE 47 Fresno* – (California) **NASL possible water contamination.** Health officials told residents on base not to drink the public water at the Lemoore Naval Air Station in Fresno, California June 15. That is after more than two dozen base residents were treated at Naval Hospital Lemoore for gastrointestinal issues June 14. Doctors said water testing normally occurs to rule out possible causes of what is making people sick. Residents were notified via the air station's Facebook page about the possible water contamination. Officials said the water is still safe for non-consumption activities. Meanwhile, the city of Lemoore's Public Works department said the base has a different water source than the city, and that city residents should not worry. The water was slated to be tested June 15 with results expected June 16. In the meantime, base residents were told to wash their hands often, boil water before cooking, and to drink bottled water.

Source: http://www.cbs47.tv/news/local/story/NASL-possible-water-contamination/20iGZGD0_EKkZFvgKcAUYA.csp

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Emergency Services Sector

40. *June 16, Nashville Tennessean* – (Tennessee) **Nashville cop charged in drug sting.** A police officer from Nashville, Tennessee, accused of trying to assist drug traffickers in exchange for cash, was arrested by federal authorities June 14. A federal grand jury

indicted the 31-year-old man June 15 and charged him with federal program fraud, cocaine distribution, and money laundering. After his arrest, the man was immediately decommissioned by the Metro Nashville Police Department and stripped of his access to police computers, buildings, and offices. In a sting operation conducted by the police department and FBI, the man received \$24,500 for assisting people he believed to be drug traffickers, according to the charges. On five occasions since April 5, the man allegedly accepted money and transported what he believed to be cocaine and drug money to Nashville-area locations. The man was in his uniform and police vehicle on three of those occasions, according to the indictment.

Source: <http://www.tennessean.com/article/20110616/NEWS03/306160048/Nashville-cop-charged-in-drug-sting>

41. *June 15, KSAZ 10 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **HSI special agent accused of sharing classified info.** A special agent with Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) in Nogales, Arizona, has been arrested and accused of sharing sensitive information with family members and associates with strong ties to drug trafficking organizations, KSAZ 10 Phoenix reported June 15. After a 2-year investigation, the 33-year-old woman was indicted on charges including computer fraud, theft of government records, and making false statements/entries. The FBI said she illegally accessed, stole, and transferred sensitive U.S. government documents classified as For Official Use Only. Three of the 12 counts are felonies, each punishable by a maximum of 5 years in prison. The woman started working for the U.S. government in 2003 as a Customs and Border Protection officer at the Nogales port of entry. In 2008, she became a special agent at the HSI Nogales office. After an initial appearance June 14, she was released on bond.
Source: <http://www.myfoxphoenix.com/dpp/news/investigative/hsi-special-agent-accused-of-sharing-classified-info-6-15-2011>
42. *June 15, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Fumes force north-central Pa. 911 center to move.** Dispatchers at a county emergency response center in north-central Pennsylvania have relocated to a mobile command center after fumes from batteries charging in a back room filled the building. The Elk County commissioner June 15 told the Bradford Era dispatchers were examined by a doctor as a precaution. He said the fumes apparently came from batteries that were charging. The batteries are used for radios and the center's communications tower. Investigators were trying to determine why the fumes were released. The smell was first detected June 10, but workers remained in the building over the weekend through June 14, when operations were temporarily moved to the mobile command unit. Firefighters removed the batteries and put in an exhaust fan. The Elk County commissioner said there was no disruption to 911 calls.
Source: http://lancasteronline.com/article/ap/406755_Fumes-force-north-central-Pa--911-center-to-move.html
43. *June 15, Columbus Dispatch* – (Ohio; Kentucky; West Virginia) **Law agencies collaborate in anti-terrorism training.** Black Hawk helicopters whirred in the air, bomb-sniffing dogs checked tractor-trailer trucks for explosives, and a Homeland

Security command center monitored everything in the shadow of a power plant. But the 400 security and law-enforcement officers assembled June 15 along the Ohio River in southeastern Ohio were not monitoring a terrorist threat — they were practicing what to do if one really surfaces. The day-long exercise was designed to reduce the chance that terrorists could take out the state's gas pipelines, and the area's transportation system, both along the river and the roads. Seventy agencies from Ohio, Kentucky, and West Virginia took part in the exercise, including the Ohio National Guard, the U.S. Coast Guard, the Columbus Fire Division bomb squad, the state highway patrol, the FBI, the Office of Homeland Security, and local sheriff and police departments. The exercise covered 5,000 square miles that includes dams, gas-compressor stations for gas pipelines, and power plants.

Source: http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/local_news/stories/2011/06/15/law-agencies-collaborate-in-anti-terrorism-training.html?sid=101

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Information Technology Sector

44. *June 16, PC Pro* – (International) **LulzSec hackers leak 62,000 email logins.** Hackers Lulz Security released a collection of 62,000 e-mail addresses and passwords, encouraging their followers to test the details on Facebook and other Web sites. The collection of log-in details was seemingly released as a reward for "flooding" an online forum. The document does not say where the e-mail addresses and passwords were taken from, but suggests they were from a variety of sources. "These are random assortments from a collection, so don't ask which site they're from or how old they are, because we have no idea," LulzSec said in the file. "We also can't confirm what percentage still work, but be creative or something." Followers have done just that, and started posting screenshots of hacked Facebook, Amazon, and other accounts, showing they gained access. One user bought several books on Amazon using one of the accounts, while another accessed an online dating service, changing profile pictures to sexual content. Others claimed to have gained entry to online retailers and PayPal. The LulzSec Twitter feed suggested the e-mail collection had been downloaded thousands of times within the first few minutes.

Source: <http://www.pcpro.co.uk/news/368122/lulzsec-hackers-leak-62-000-email-logins>

45. *June 16, The Register* – (International) **Microsoft warns on support scams.** A survey from Microsoft revealed how widespread the fake tech support call scam is becoming. The crooks cold-call people at home and claim to be calling from Microsoft or a well-known security firm, and offer "free security checks." The software giant surveyed 7,000 computer users in the United Kingdom, Ireland, the United States, and Canada, and found an average of 16 percent of people had received such calls. More than a fifth of those who received such a call, or 3 percent of the total surveyed, were tricked into following the crooks instructions which ranged from allowing remote access of their

machines, downloading dodgy code, or in some cases giving credit card information to make purchases. Microsoft said if someone claiming to be from Windows or Microsoft Tech Support calls you: "Do not purchase any software or services. Ask if there is a fee or subscription associated with the 'service'. If there is, hang up." Microsoft said 79 percent of those tricked suffered financial loss — the average loss was \$875. The company advised anyone who had already fallen for such a scam to change their passwords, scan their machines for malware, and contact their bank and credit card providers.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/06/16/tech_support_scam_calls/

46. *June 16, Softpedia* – (International) **BioWare warns users of stolen emails and passwords.** Canadian video game developer BioWare notified 18,000 users who had accounts registered on an old system that their e-mail addresses and passwords were stolen by hackers. The compromised community server, which dates back almost 10 years according to the developer, was associated with the forums for Neverwinter Nights, an extremely popular role-playing game. "We immediately took appropriate steps to protect our consumers' data and launched an ongoing evaluation of the seriousness of the breach," the company said. "We have determined that no credit card data was compromised, nor did we ever have or store sensitive data like social security numbers," it added. The hack affected around 18,000 accounts, which are only a small percentage of the total number of those registered on the server. The exposed information includes account names and passwords, e-mail addresses, and birth dates. The compromised accounts were either disabled or had their password reset. Their owners were e-mailed and asked to set new passwords. Since 2007, BioWare is owned by video game giant Electronic Arts (EA) and many of the accounts were merged into EA's systems.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/BioWare-Warns-Users-of-Stolen-Emails-and-Passwords-206552.shtml>

47. *June 15, Computerworld* – (International) **Adobe pushes Reader silent updates.** Adobe has switched on silent updating for its popular Reader PDF viewer, the company announced June 14. "[We're] turning the automatic update option on by default for all Adobe Reader users on Windows," the senior director of product security and privacy at Adobe said. The next time an update is detected by Reader, Adobe will present a dialog box asking users to allow silent updating. In the dialog, the box "Install updates automatically" will be checked by default. Users can decline to switch to silent, in-the-background updating, the director added. Adobe debuted silent updating for Reader in April 2010 when it revamped the update tool bundled with the free PDF viewer, and with Acrobat, the for-a-fee PDF creation tool. At the time, however, Adobe retained users' previous settings — which defaulted to a semi-automatic mode that notified users before beginning to download an update — and required them to manually set the new tool for silent updating.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9217654/Adobe_pushes_Reader_silent_updates

48. *June 15, Computerworld* – (International) **LulzSec's Sony hack shows rampant password re-use.** An analysis of nearly 40,000 passwords stolen from Sony Pictures by LulzSec shows people persist in re-using passwords, a dangerous practice in light of frequent Web site break-ins, a researcher said June 15. Using publicly-available copies of the password files put online by LulzSec, an Australian software architect crunched the numbers to come up with some disturbing trends. "What surprised me was the extent of [password] re-use," he said. "People use and re-use the same password. That's one of the most dangerous of all the bad password practices." LulzSec announced June 2 it hacked several Sony Pictures Web sites and walked off with personal information on more than 1 million users, including e-mail addresses, usernames, and passwords for a pair of Sony-sponsored promotional campaigns. LulzSec also claimed it hacked several other Sony databases.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9217646/LulzSec_s_Sony_hack_shows_rampant_password_re_use

49. *June 15, threatpost* – (International) **Use of exploit kits on the rise.** Online attacks are increasingly being carried out by multi-function exploit kits, according to research by Web security firm Zscaler. A Zscaler researcher claims to have observed an increase in the prevalence and usage of exploit kits in recent months, a development he attributes to hackers' preference for the kind of multi-leveled attacks the kits provide. In a post on Zscaler's research blog, he said an exploit kit dubbed "Incognito" is gaining traction in the cyber underground. Incognito targets vulnerabilities in Java and Adobe products. His analysis of obfuscation techniques and URL patterns associated with Incognito show the kit is carrying out multiple attack vectors, which increase the chance of a successful compromise. The growing use of Incognito and similar tools such as the Blackhole exploit kit and Eleonore exploit kit are indicative of a trend toward the use of automated tools to deliver exploits. In this way, he said, attackers can launch frequent and effective campaigns with little technical knowledge.

Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/use-exploit-kits-rise-061511

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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 or visit their Web site: <http://www.us-cert.gov>

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Communications Sector

Nothing to report

Commercial Facilities Sector

50. *June 16, Columbus Dispatch* – (International) **Gas leak clears out Battelle.** About 2,000 employees evacuated Battelle, a research and development, technology firm that manages several national energy laboratories, and a portion of 5th Avenue was temporarily shut down in Columbus, Ohio, June 15 because of a chlorine-gas leak. A fixture on a 125-gallon chlorine tank came loose about 2:30 p.m. when two maintenance workers were removing it from a basement in the Battelle complex, the Columbus Fire battalion chief said. When the workers smelled gas, they sealed the room to contain the chlorine inside. The room has a separate exhaust system. The tank was about half full; the chlorine was used to keep bacteria out of the water in an air conditioner that was being replaced. Battelle's safety protocol called for all 2,000 or so employees to be evacuated, a spokesman said. Three of the 20 buildings remained closed late June 15. Battelle has its own hazardous-materials team, which worked with fire division responders, the spokesman said.
Source: http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/local_news/stories/2011/06/16/gas-leak-clears-out-battelle.html?sid=101
51. *June 16, Associated Press* – (Indiana) **Muncie firefighter dies as church roof collapses in blaze.** A firefighter was killed June 15 during a fire that roared through a Muncie, Indiana church and caused the sanctuary roof to collapse, officials said. The firefighter, a veteran member of the Muncie Fire Department, died in the fire at the Tabernacle of Praise Church on Muncie's south side, the Indiana Fire marshal said. Dispatchers learned of the fire shortly before 4 p.m. The firefighter went missing after the roof collapsed about 15 minutes later, the Muncie Star Press reported. The cause of the fire was not immediately known, the fire marshal said.
Source: <http://www.news-sentinel.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20110616/NEWS/106160325>
52. *June 15, Freeport Journal-Standard* – (Illinois) **Downtown building collapses.** A historic, 3-story building came crashing to the ground in the heart of Freeport, Illinois, June 15, bringing the city's downtown district to a temporary standstill, and raising questions about what led to the stunning collapse. The battalion fire chief said the building collapsed shortly after 5:30 a.m. June 15. He confirmed that nobody was injured during the incident. Still, the collapse of the building damaged the neighboring law offices of Mahoney & Hauser, and created a pile of rubble that spilled onto one of Freeport's busiest roadways. Emergency responders remained on the scene throughout the day, monitoring nearby traffic and keeping pedestrians away from the damage. The Freeport Fire Department also worked with local gas and electric companies to cut off service to the fallen building.
Source: <http://www.journalstandard.com/features/x1732980332/Downtown-building-collapses>

53. *June 15, Southern Maryland Newspapers Online* – (Maryland) **St. Mary's shopping area evacuated for gas leak.** Police in St. Mary's County, Maryland shut down northbound Route 4 and FDR Boulevard in the town of California, Maryland June 15, and evacuated several stores in the First Colony Shopping Center while firefighters worked to control a gushing gas leak caused by an automobile accident. A car struck the gas regulator on the side of the BJs Wholesale Club, near the automotive bays. The car was still resting against the wall of the store with its wipers swiping back and forth when firefighters from Bay District Volunteer Fire Department arrived. Police closed northbound Route 4 and FDR Boulevard at about 10:45 a.m. to secure the scene. Source: <http://www.somdnews.com/article/20110615/NEWS/706159410/1074/1074/st-marys-shopping-area-evacuated-for-gas-leak&template=southernMaryland>
54. *June 15, Associated Press* – (New York) **Grand jury rejects top terror charge in synagogue bomb plot.** The top terrorism charge brought in May under a rarely used state law against two New York City men in an alleged bomb plot has been dropped, authorities said June 15. The two suspects pleaded not guilty June 15 to lesser state charges including criminal possession of a weapon as a terror crime in a scheme to blow up city synagogues. But a grand jury evidently rejected the initial top charge against the pair, second-degree conspiracy as a terror crime, which carried the potential for life in prison. The top charges now, including the weapons count, are punishable by up to 32 years behind bars; the men also still face a less-serious terror conspiracy count, and hate crime counts. The two men were arrested May 11 on charges that include planning to strike a synagogue to avenge mistreatment of Muslims around the world. Source: <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2011/jun/15/grand-jury-rejects-top-terror-charge-in-synagogue-/>
55. *June 15, White Mountain Independent* – (Arizona) **ATF: Greer Lodge fire was arson.** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) was called in by the chief of the Greer Fire Department in Greer, Arizona to investigate the May 10 fire at Greer Lodge. The fire broke at about 4 a.m. and destroyed the 3-story, 11,000-square-foot historic building within a few hours. The lodge contained 10 rooms and a restaurant. It is the main building in a 50-cabin resort that covers 25 acres. At the time of the fire, only one couple was staying in the building. They were able to escape and no one was injured in the fire. The loss was estimated to be in excess of \$2 million. After ruling out all causes of accidental ignition, ATF investigators reached the arson ruling with conclusive evidence, an ATF public information officer said. He stated the fire was caused by an incendiary device, but he would not give out details of the location of the device. Source: http://www.wmicentral.com/police/atf-greer-lodge-fire-was-arson/article_228b5afe-92e3-11e0-a8d9-001cc4c002e0.html
56. *June 15, Lehigh Valley Express-Times* – (Pennsylvania) **Authorities detonate dynamite that prompted Kmart evacuation in Bethlehem Township, Pa.** A rock packed with dynamite discovered underneath the parking lot of the Kmart plaza along Route 191 in Bethlehem Township, Pennsylvania, was safely detonated June 15. Authorities evacuated the Kmart and other stores in the plaza following the discovery

just before noon of a blasting device with at least one stick of dynamite, township fire officials said. A maintenance company working on the property unearthed a rock with wires sticking out of it about 11:30 a.m., according to the Nancy Run Fire company chief. At about 5 p.m., explosives experts and fire officials placed an explosion mat over the excavated hole and ran a spool of wire from the blasting charge to one of the emergency vehicles, where they detonated it. The Allentown Fire marshal said the dynamite was likely left behind when the shopping plaza was constructed. It was unknown exactly how many sticks of dynamite were buried in the rocks, the emergency management coordinator for Bethlehem Township said. About two dozen customers were inside the Kmart when fire officials arrived to evacuate the place.

Source:

http://www.lehighvalleylive.com/bethlehem/index.ssf/2011/06/kmart_shopping_plaza_along_rou.html

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

57. *June 16, Pueblo Chieftan* – (Colorado) **Duckett Fire forces more evacuations.** An additional 25 homes in the Brush Creek Estates area of Colorado were evacuated June 15 due to expected fire activity on the south end of the Duckett Fire, while other nearby residents were put on pre-evacuation notice. An estimated 75 homes in the area of the Fremont/Custer county line including County Road 192 (10 homes) and Eagle Peak subdivision (40 homes), have been evacuated as a precaution. At 5 p.m. June 15, the Custer County Sheriff's Office issued a pre-evacuation notice for residences along Upper Verdemont Road (Custer County Road 182), including the Montgomery and Camper tracts, Pine Village, and Pine Ranch. Residents of about 75 homes were alerted they may have to evacuate. The fire size is estimated at 2,476 acres, and is 10 percent contained. No structures have been lost, according to U.S. Forest Service fire information officers. Because the fire is adjacent to steep slopes, winds have been hard to predict and are variable, creating a dangerous situation for firefighters, fire officials reported.

Source: http://www.chieftain.com/news/local/duckett-fire-forces-more-evacuations/article_045e584c-97de-11e0-b788-001cc4c03286.html

58. *June 16, Associated Press* – (Arizona; New Mexico) **Arizona wildfire biggest in state history.** High winds expected to buffet eastern Arizona starting June 16 will challenge firefighters who have been making progress in a battle to tame the state's largest-ever wildfire. The winds will also move into New Mexico, where crews were scrambling late June 15 to gain on growing fires near Raton and Carlsbad before winds and searing temperatures moved into the state June 16. Forecasters expect the winds above the 25 mph range to last through the weekend of June 18 and 19, putting pressure on the eastern edge of the Arizona fire, the least secure part of firefighters' lines and closest to the nearest town still threatened, Luna, New Mexico. About 200 people live there. But

a nearly completed line of cut fuels and intentionally burned areas between Luna and the fire itself should be completed by early June 16, and fire commanders expressed confidence late June 15 that it would hold. More than 4,600 firefighters were assigned to the nearly 750-square mile Wallow fire. It was 29 percent contained as of the evening of June 15. Meanwhile, another fire in southern Arizona's National Forest near the city of Sierra Vista had burned or damaged at least 40 homes near Sierra Vista, plus 10 other structures such as sheds by the night of June 15. And a third Arizona blaze had burned than 184,000 acres, or 287 square miles and was 60 percent contained. In New Mexico, crews were battling a blaze that surrounded Carlsbad Caverns National Park. The fire was 70 percent contained late June 15, and was no longer threatening the park's visitors center and employee housing. The Loop fire started June 1, charred about 30,500 acres of desert scrub, and forced the park to close.

Source: <http://www.seattlepi.com/news/article/Arizona-wildfire-biggest-in-state-history-1425581.php>

59. *June 15, WJXT 4 Jacksonville* – (Georgia) **100 homes evacuated by Ga. wildfires.** Sparked and spread by dry thunderstorms, wildfires burning in southeast Georgia had communities watching nervously as flames spread overnight June 14 into June 15 to destroy mobile homes in Camden County, a house and barn in Ware County, and threaten about 50 homes in neighboring Charlton County. Sheriff's deputies had ordered a few dozen homes in northern Charlton County to evacuate the evening of June 14 as the 12-square-mile Racepond fire at the Okefenokee's northeastern edge flared up and spread over an additional 2,000 acres, or 3 square miles.
Source: <http://www.news4jax.com/news4georgia/28243462/detail.html>
60. *June 15, Naples Daily News* – (Florida) **4 wildfires burn more than 4,700 acres in Big Cypress National Preserve.** Four wildfires are burning in the Big Cypress National Preserve in Florida after lightning started them June 13, the National Park Service reported June 15. Due to the location of one of the fires, the Concho Billie, Windmill Tram, and Burns Lake access points are closed to all backcountry activity. In all, the fires are burning more than 4,700 acres of federally managed land, according to the Park Service. The Florida Division of Forestry is reinforcing fire lines on the northern boundary of the Monkey Fire, a wildfire estimated at 2,800 acres burning in Big Cypress. Two units were working on the fire lines, according to a wildfire mitigation specialist with the state's Caloosahatchee Forestry Center.
Source: <http://www.marconews.com/news/2011/jun/15/4-wildfires-burn-more-4700-acres-big-cypress-natio/>

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61. *June 16, Associated Press* – (Missouri; Illinois) **Corps to repair levee it intentionally breached.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will begin immediate repairs to a Mississippi River levee in Missouri that it intentionally breached during flooding earlier this spring. Missouri's governor announced late June 15 that the Major General,

who ordered the breach in early May, said the levee in southeast Missouri will be rebuilt at three breach points. The Corps breached the levee to relieve pressure on the floodwall at nearby Cairo, Illinois, which spared the town from being flooded, but inundated about 130,000 acres of Missouri farmland. The Southeast Missourian reports that the Major General said the levee would be rebuilt to 51 feet. That is shorter than the earlier 60.5 feet, but enough to provide flood protection for farmers.

Source: <http://www.kmov.com/news/local/Corps-to-repair-levee-it-intentionally-breached-123988229.html>

62. *June 16, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **Floodwaters have reached new Hamburg, Iowa levee.** Missouri River floodwaters reached the new levee that serves as the last line of defense for the southwest Iowa town of Hamburg, June 16. Officials said the new levee built over the past 2 weeks is holding, and there were no signs of problems as of the morning of June 16. The Corps increased the height of the levee by 3 feet after breaches in northwest Missouri June 13. The new levee protecting Hamburg is about 8 feet tall. The Corps plans to release record amounts of water into the Missouri River through most of the summer to deal with snowmelt and heavy spring rain.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory?id=13855495>

63. *June 15, Associated Press* – (South Dakota) **Levees protecting S.D. from the Missouri River holding, but gov. urges people to remain cautious.** Emergency earthen levees built to protect southeast South Dakota from the rising Missouri River were holding back the floodwaters as increased water releases from Gavin's Point Dam west of Yankton, South Dakota began reaching the area, officials said June 15. South Dakota's governor said levees also were holding strong in the Pierre and Fort Pierre areas, where earlier releases were increased to record levels on Oahe Dam a few miles upstream near Pierre. But the governor urged residents to remain cautious, pointing to recent levee ruptures in northwest Missouri, which show the situation can change quickly. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is pushing 150,000 cubic feet of water per second through both the Oahe and Gavin's Point dams. The goal is to get rid of unexpectedly heavy rains that fell upstream in May in eastern Montana and Wyoming, and western North Dakota and South Dakota.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/4be57da7d6ef474096a89ba114fb5e46/SD--Missouri-River-Flooding-South-Dakota/>

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