



# Homeland Security

## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 21 June 2011

### Top Stories

- According to WISE-TV 33 Fort Wayne, a man was arrested for stealing a New York resident's identity to become a flight attendant to fly around the world. (See item [24](#))
- The Associated Press reports that 3,200 people from about 1,800 homes in Arizona and New Mexico were evacuated June 19 and 20 as the Monument and Wallow fires picked up speed. (See item [69](#))

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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 19, Louisville Courier-Journal* – (Kentucky) **Thunderstorms knock out power to thousands in Louisville area.** Severe thunderstorms packing high winds and lightning June 19 left tens of thousands of Louisville, Kentucky-area residents without power as trees and power lines toppled. The line of severe thunderstorms that swept through the area shortly after 8 a.m. came with winds that peaked between 55 and 65 mph in some areas, the National Weather Service reported. The storms produced no major injuries, and only a few small fires. About 9 a.m., Louisville Gas & Electric had

reported 38,000 customers were without power, mostly in the Louisville area. The outages were concentrated in Valley Station and just south of the Gene Snyder Freeway, and in St. Matthews near Cannons Lane, according to the utility's outage map. By 12:45 p.m., that number had fallen to 29,097. By 8:30 p.m., it was 11,650.

Source: [http://www.courier-journal.com/article/20110619/NEWS01/306190052/More-than-29-000-still-without-power-following-Sunday-morning-thunderstorms?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|Local News](http://www.courier-journal.com/article/20110619/NEWS01/306190052/More-than-29-000-still-without-power-following-Sunday-morning-thunderstorms?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|Local+News)

2. *June 19, Hearst Newspapers* – (National) **Pipeline industry influences safety research, regulation.** Pipeline operators and their trade organizations shaped, managed and provided sizable funding for many safety studies conducted by the federal agency that regulates the industry, a Hearst Newspapers investigation shows. The studies launched by the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) helped mold national and state safety rules and inspection procedures for 2.3 million miles of pipelines that carry natural gas and hazardous liquids, some underneath neighborhoods. The Hearst Newspapers investigation revealed that two-thirds of the 174 safety studies of land-based pipelines that the federal agency has launched in the last decade were largely funded by pipeline operators or organizations they control. More than half the studies — 89 in total — received funding from five industry trade organizations that conduct research, including three with lobbying arms. Hazards associated with aging pipes — such as defective seam welds that ruptured in the September 2010 natural-gas explosion in San Bruno, California, in which eight people died, and a 2007 propane blast in Carmichael, Mississippi, that killed two people — were the subject of just 5 of the 174 studies the federal agency launched in the past decade. None of those five studies challenged a federal rule that allows pipeline owners to leave such welds in place. A 2004 report said that even current industry practice was too stringent and "likely resulted in the unnecessary repair of numerous seam weld defects."

Source: <http://www.stamfordadvocate.com/local/article/Pipeline-industry-influences-safety-research-1431183.php>

3. *June 18, Associated Press* – (Oklahoma) **Driver killed when tanker truck hauling fuel overturns in central Oklahoma.** Authorities said the driver of a tanker truck was killed when the vehicle overturned near Calumet, Oklahoma and caught fire. The Oklahoma Highway Patrol said the tractor-trailer accident occurred about 6:10 a.m. June 17 on U.S. Highway 270 in Canadian County. Troopers said the driver veered onto the shoulder, overcorrected, spun around and overturned. Authorities said the truck was carrying fuel and caught fire. It is unclear how much fuel the truck was carrying when it overturned. Traffic was shut down in both directions as brush pumps were brought in to extinguish the flames. No other injuries were reported.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/20efcf0877824df0921c3b1d18be8750/OK--Fatal-Tanker-Accident/>

4. *June 18, Corpus Christi Caller-Times* – (Texas) **Gregory natural gas plant fire hospitalizes two workers.** Two contract workers were hospitalized June 18 after a fire at a natural gas processing plant north of Gregory, Texas. The fire, which started

shortly after 6 p.m., began as the workers performed maintenance in the dehydration area of the Southcross Energy plant on State Highway 136, officials said. A Southcross spokesman said it has not been determined what caused the fire, which the company was able to extinguish. Southcross is a midstream natural gas company that transports and processes gas for its industrial customers.

Source: <http://www.caller.com/news/2011/jun/18/gregory-natural-gas-plant-fire-hospitalizes-two/>

5. *June 18, Occupational Health and Safety* – (National) **New rules coming for pipeline control rooms.** The U.S. Department of Transportation’s Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) recently announced that a new regulation to improve the management of pipeline control rooms will go into effect more than a year earlier than originally planned. The final rule will include procedures to improve training, mitigate fatigue, and clearly define roles and responsibilities for employees in control rooms for DOT-regulated pipelines. Control room operators monitor hazardous liquid and natural gas pipelines through computer equipment that records and displays operational information about the pipeline system. Critical functions, such as pressure, flow rates, and valve positions, allow controllers to make informed decisions about what actions to take. These monitoring and control actions are vital to managing pipeline operations along hundreds, and frequently thousands of miles of pipeline. This rule will accelerate pipeline operator requirements by as many as 16 months. These requirements will establish shift lengths and maximum hours-of-service, and develop training programs for control room operators. The action is also a part of the DOT’s National Pipeline Safety Action Plan to address immediate concerns in pipeline safety, such as ensuring pipeline operators know the age and condition of their pipelines, proposing new regulations to strengthen reporting and inspection requirements, and making information about pipelines and the safety record of pipeline operators easily accessible to the public.

Source: <http://ohsonline.com/articles/2011/06/18/new-rules-coming-for-pipeline-control-rooms.aspx?admarea=news>

6. *June 17, KSLA 12 Shreveport* – (Georgia) **Hazardous material in bathroom sends 14 to hospital.** West Point, Georgia, officials are searching for a suspect they say may be responsible for causing 14 other people to be sent to the hospital. Witnesses inside the Shell gas station on Highway 18 in West Point said a man walked into the restroom of the store and then ran out of the building around 8 p.m. Officials said all the people in the store, including workers and customers, began to have breathing problems, nausea, or vomiting. The West Point fire chief said when EMS arrived on scene they called for fire crews because they became sick as well. A hazardous materials team went in, but could not identify any fluids, powders, or any kind of mist or aerosols at all. West Point law enforcement and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation also responded.

Source: <http://www.ksla.com/story/14930260/14-people-sent-to-hospital-hazardous-material-team-search-for-cause>

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## Chemical Industry Sector

7. *June 20, Indiana's NewsCenter* – (Indiana) **Chemical leak closes Dupont exit off I-69.** A semi leaking an unknown, potentially hazardous material, brought traffic on the interstate to a standstill overnight in Fort Wayne, Indiana, from June 19 into June 20. Around 11:30 p.m. June 19, a driver pulled over after his rig overheated. When a state trooper stopped to help, he discovered there was something leaking from the trailer. The ramp from Dupont Road heading north onto I-69 was shut down and did not reopen until 11 a.m. June 20. The leaking fluid was identified as isocyanate. It is a polymer used to produce foam, and not extremely hazardous. The container that was damaged carries 275 gallons, so crews vacuumed that out so the truck could be moved with a tow truck, said the Allen County Homeland Security director. The truck driver was arrested for operating a vehicle while under the influence.  
Source: <http://www.indianasnewscenter.com/news/local/Haz-124175119.html>
8. *June 20, Associated Press* – (Arkansas) **Arkansas company to pay fine for hydrochloric acid leak.** A gas services company has agreed to pay a fine of more than \$9,700 for a hydrochloric acid leak in Searcy, Arkansas. Superior Well Services has signed a consent order with the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) to pay \$9,781 for violating environmental rules by mixing hydrochloric acid with methanol in a plastic container that leaked when a valve broke. The order also said Superior used an unpermitted transporter to haul hazardous waste, and offered hazardous waste for transportation without having an Environmental Protection Agency identification number. The November 11 leak created a 4-foot high cloud of gas that forced the evacuation of about two dozen homes in a Searcy residential area before the cloud was dissipated by winds. No injuries were reported, and the leak was plugged by members of the Searcy Fire Department's hazardous materials response team. The public has until July 10 to comment on the final decree, and Superior has until 30 days after the public comment deadline to pay the penalty, according to an ADEQ spokeswoman.  
Source:  
<http://www.baxterbulletin.com/article/20110620/NEWS01/106200323/Arkansas-company-pay-fine-hydrochloric-acid-leak>
9. *June 20, St. Louis Today* – ( Missouri) **Residents allowed back home after chemical fire at St. Louis business.** A five-alarm chemical fire at a St. Louis, Missouri, business June 20 forced hundreds of people from their homes, shut down an interstate, and brought hazardous materials teams to the scene. The fire was spotted at Chemisphere Corp. by people driving on Interstate 44 at about 2:30 a.m. June 20. Flames were shooting into the air, and an orange glow and smoke could be seen for miles. By 7 a.m., most of the 500 residents who had been evacuated were being allowed back into their homes, and Interstate 44 was back open after being closed for hours. Officials who had been monitoring air quality throughout the morning detected no danger. An explosion injured three firefighters who were fighting the blaze from inside the plant, a spokesman said. They were taken to a hospital and were treated before being released by about noon. It took firefighters about 3 hours to bring the fire under control. By 6 a.m., the crews were going after hot spots. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

The company president estimated that 10 to 15 percent of the plant was damaged by fire. The five alarms meant that some 35 pieces of fire apparatus were summoned, and the city got help from Clayton, Maplewood, Richmond Heights, and University City fire crews. The airport's crash-fire rescue unit was also called out.

Source: [http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/article\\_61bfc28-9b31-11e0-bfcc-0019bb30f31a.html](http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/article_61bfc28-9b31-11e0-bfcc-0019bb30f31a.html)

10. *June 15, Salem Statesman Journal* – (Oregon) **Damaged drums likely cause of Albany chemical fire.** Damaged drums containing calcium carbide are being blamed for a chemical fire June 12 at a welding supply business in Albany, Oregon. Investigators with the Albany Fire Department said that one or more of the drums were likely damaged during the shipping process. The investigators said the failure of a drum seal caused moisture to enter one or more of the 200-pound drums, causing a chemical fire.

Source:

<http://www.statesmanjournal.com/article/20110615/UPDATE/110615013/Damaged-drums-likely-cause-Albany-chemical-fire-?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|News>

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

11. *June 20, Associated Press* – (Nebraska) **River flood nearly shuts Neb. nuke plant.** The Missouri River rose to within 18 inches of forcing the shutdown of a nuclear power plant in southeast Nebraska, but stopped and ebbed slightly, a plant spokesman said June 20. The river has to hit 902 feet above sea level at Brownville before officials will shut down the Cooper Nuclear Plant, which sits at 903 feet. A Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) spokesman said the river rose to 900.56 feet June 19, then dropped to 900.4 feet later in the day and remained at that level early June 20. The plant was operating at full capacity, the spokesman said. The Columbus-based utility sent a "notification of unusual event" to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission when the river rose to 899 feet June 19. The declaration is the least serious of four emergency notifications established by the federal commission. The plant has been preparing for the flooding since May 30. More than 5,000 tons of sand has been brought in to construct barricades around it and access roads, according to NPPD. The Cooper Nuclear Station is one of two plants along the Missouri River in eastern Nebraska. The Fort Calhoun Station, operated by the Omaha Public Power District, is about 20 miles north of Omaha. It issued a similar alert June 6. The entire plant still has full electrical power for safety systems, including those used to cool radioactive waste. It also has at least nine backup power sources.

Source: <http://www.time.com/time/nation/article/0,8599,2078685,00.html>

12. *June 19, Associated Press* – (International) **New report shows early chaos at Japan nuke plant.** A new report said Japan's tsunami-ravaged nuclear plant was so unprepared for the disaster that workers had to bring protective gear and an emergency

manual from distant buildings and borrow equipment from a contractor. The report, released June 18 by plant operator Tokyo Electric Power Co. (TEPCO), is based on interviews of workers and plant data. It portrays chaos amid the desperate and ultimately unsuccessful battle to protect the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant from meltdown, and shows that workers struggled with unfamiliar equipment and fear of radiation exposure. The March 11 earthquake and tsunami destroyed the plant's power and crucial cooling systems, causing three reactor cores to melt, and causing several explosions. TEPCO has been criticized for dragging its feet on venting and sea water cooling — the two crucial steps that experts said could have mitigated the damage. Company officials have said the tsunami created obstacles that were impossible to anticipate. An investigation by an independent panel is pending.

Source: <http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/article/New-report-shows-early-chaos-at-Japan-nuke-plant-1430608.php>

13. *June 19, Associated Press* – (International) **Radioactive water swells at Japan nuke plant as workers try to restart cleanup system.** The operator of Japan's crippled Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant is preparing to open a door of a reactor building to allow workers to install a cooling system and equipment to prevent an explosion. Tokyo Electric Power Co. said radiation that will be released by ventilating the Unit 2 reactor June 19 will be too small to threaten human health. Meanwhile, more radioactive water is pooling at the tsunami-hit nuclear plant as workers scramble to restart a key cleanup system. It was shut down June 18, hours after beginning full operations, because a component reached its radioactivity limit faster than expected. Contaminated water could overflow within 2 weeks if action is not taken. At one location, water is 5.6 inches from spilling.

Source: <http://www.newser.com/article/d9nut1qg0/radioactive-water-swells-at-japan-nuke-plant-as-workers-try-to-restart-cleanup-system.html>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

14. *June 20, Reuters* – (International) **Saab halts car production for two more weeks.** Production of Saab cars in Sweden will be halted for at least 2 more weeks, a spokesman for the firm, owned by Swedish Automobile, said June 20. "There will be no normal production during weeks 25 and 26 (June 20th — July 3rd). But I cannot confirm any new starting date," the spokesman said. Saab's factory in southern Sweden stood still for most of April and May because it could not pay its suppliers. It started making cars again late in May, but was quickly forced to halt again when parts supplies ran out again. Saab owner Spyker recently changed its name to Swedish Automobile.

Source: <http://uk.reuters.com/article/2011/06/20/saab-production-idUKSAT00929720110620>

15. *June 20, Radio New Zealand International* – (International) **American Samoa confirms evidence of tampering found at shipyard.** The American Samoa governor said there were attempts to sabotage the Ronald Reagan Marine Railways shipyard, prior to the government taking back control at the end of May, Radio New Zealand

reported June 20. The governor is blaming the former shipyard operator MYD Samoa or others for the attempted sabotage. The vice chair of the authority running the yard for the government confirmed they have found evidence of tampering with equipment that would render it useless for hauling vessels out of the water. The government re-assumed control of the yard after a ruling by a Florida bankruptcy court against MYD Samoa.

Source: <http://www.rnzi.com/pages/news.php?op=read&id=61300>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

16. *June 17, Associated Press* – (Rhode Island; Georgia) **RI Navy subcontractor pleads guilty in bribe case.** A U.S. Navy subcontractor pleaded guilty June 17 in Rhode Island for his part in what federal prosecutors said was a kickback scheme that cost the Navy millions of dollars. The man's plea was part of an agreement with prosecutors in which he promised to cooperate with authorities as he has been since investigators approached him in June 2010. He pleaded guilty to conspiring to commit bribery in helping funnel money, through his businesses, from a Navy contractor to a civilian Navy employee who prosecutors said then bumped up funding to the contractor. Prosecutors said the scheme cost the Navy between \$7 million and \$20 million.  
Source: <http://www.stamfordadvocate.com/news/article/RI-Navy-subcontractor-pleads-guilty-in-bribe-case-1428266.php>
17. *June 17, Bloomberg* – (National) **Navy finds ‘aggressive’ corrosion on new ship.** The U.S. Navy has discovered “aggressive” corrosion in Austal Ltd.’s first new combat ship designed for operating close to shore, Bloomberg reported June 17. The corrosion is in the propulsion areas of the USS Independence, the Littoral Combat Ship built by the Mobile, Alabama-based subsidiary of Australia’s Austal and General Dynamics Corp. Permanent repair will require drydocking the ship and removing its ”water jets,” a key component of the propulsion system, the Navy said in a written statement to Congressional appropriations committees provided to Bloomberg.  
Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-06-17/navy-finds-aggressive-corrosion-on-austal-s-combat-ship-1-.html>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

18. *June 20, Softpedia* – (International) **Largest Bitcoin exchange offline due to security problems.** Activity on Mt.Gox, the largest Bitcoin exchange, was suspended June 20 to deal with two security incidents that led people to doubt the administrators' ability to provide a secure service. Mt. Gox administrators took the Web site offline after a series of large transactions initiated from a compromised account led to Bitcoin prices to plummet. "One account with a lot of coins was compromised and whoever stole it

(using a HK based IP to login) first sold all the coins in there, to buy those again just after, and then tried to withdraw the coins. [...]" a Mt. Gox official announced. "Due to the large impact this had on the Bitcoin market, we will rollback every trade which happened since the big sale, and ensure this account is secure before opening access again. Because the compromised account had a \$1,000/day withdraw limit, the hacker didn't manage to steal a large amount. Soon after the incident, a possible source of the compromise surfaced. Apparently, Mt.Gox's entire user database was leaked online. It contains account names and hashed passwords. The exchange has been using freeBSD-style MD5 salted hashing for the past few months, but accounts that haven't been used since the method was introduced still have their passwords in plain MD5. Mt.Gox said it tracked down the source to an auditor who had their computer compromised. The admins extended the downtime to implement a stronger hashing method based on the SHA-512 algorithm with multiple iterations and salting. All users will be forced to update their passwords once service is restored. Mt.Gox also notified Google to ensure every Gmail account listed is locked down and can't be abused. Users who have an account at Mt.Gox are advised to also change their password on any Web site where they might have used it.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Largest-Bitcoin-Exchange-Offline-over-Security-Problems-206958.shtml>

19. *June 17, KBTX 3 Bryan* – (Texas) **Drive-through bank employees robbed at gunpoint.** The Houston FBI Bank Robbery Task Force is seeking the public's assistance in identifying the man who robbed employees of Bank of America's motor drive-through bank, located at 5150 North Shephard in Houston, Texas, June 17. Bank surveillance video captured photos of the robber as he committed the crime. At about 1:30 p.m., the man approached a teller as she was returning to work at the motor drive-through location. At gunpoint, he forced the teller inside the bank and robbed all three employees working inside. He exited with cash and was last seen getting into the driver's side of a black BMW 4-door sedan with paper plates. No one was hurt. The robber is described as a black male, in his mid-30s, about 5'7"-5'8" tall, with a medium build and a medium complexion. He was clean shaven, and wore a black baseball hat, red short-sleeved tee-shirt, faded blue jeans cuffed at the bottom, and black leather gloves. He carried a black semi-automatic handgun during the robbery. Crime Stoppers is offering up to \$5,000 for information leading to the charging and arrest of this robber.

Source: <http://www.kbtx.com/local/headlines/Drive-Through-Bank-Employees-Robbed-at-Gunpoint-124103629.html>

20. *June 17, San Leandro Patch* – (California) **More arrests follow San Leandro bank robberies.** Police have arrested three additional suspects in connection with four bank robberies in San Leandro, California, and one attempted heist between June 1 and June 8. The June 17 arrests come about one week after authorities arrested two Oakland men, a 43-year-old, and 16-year-old June 8 on suspicion of robbing two banks — Bank of the West earlier that day, plus 1st United Services Credit Union on Bancroft Avenue June 1. The pair were also arrested on suspicion of attempting to rob three banks, including Chase Bank on Lewelling Boulevard just 15 minutes before the Bank of the West robbery, and two banks in Oakland. San Leandro Police have said the bank heists

are connected and that in each incidence, a demand note was presented to bank employees, but no weapons were involved. According to police, detectives received information June 17 identifying a suspect authorities believe is responsible for robbing the US Bank on East 14th Street June 2. Along with the Oakland Police Department, officers arrested an additional 16-year-old male, of Oakland, on suspicion of bank robbery, police said. On June 16, police arrested a 21-year-old Union City man after they received information that he was responsible for the June 7 robbery at Fremont Bank on East 14th Street. On June 10, police arrested a 20-year-old of Oakland on suspicious of assisting the Bank of the West robbery, police said.

Source: <http://sanleandro.patch.com/articles/more-arrests-in-string-of-san-leandro-bank-robberies>

21. *June 17, Los Angeles Times; KTLA 5 Los Angeles; KSWB 69 San Diego* – (California) **18 people charged in scheme to defraud investors in indie-film productions.** Eighteen people have been charged with fraud, money laundering and conspiracy in a scheme that involved cold-calling investors to bankroll independent-film productions, the FBI and U.S attorney’s office said June 17. The multi-count indictments allege that since 2004, Burbank-based Q Media Assets and Sherman Oaks-based Cinamour Entertainment LLC solicited \$25 million from investors for a handful of films — some of which were never made or went straight to DVD. An FBI Special Agent said the companies used high-pressure sales tactics that misrepresented facts. The indictment alleges the movie companies and telemarketers used only about a third of investors’ funds to produce and market the films, and pocketed the rest. Cinamour released “From Mexico With Love,” a movie starring a Mexican actor, in 2009. The film, for which Cinamour collected \$15 million from 450 investors, had a budget of \$5 million, and grossed \$550,000, according to the Internet Movie Database. Investigators said Cinamour raised \$2.7 million for another film that was never made. Q Media raised \$9 million for two films — one flopped, making only \$700,000, and the other went straight to DVD. The 45-count indictment against Cinamour charges 12 defendants of California and Florida. The 33-count indictment against Q Media charged an additional five people.

Source: <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2011/06/fraud-charges-indie-movies-q-media-cinamour.html>

22. *June 17, Yuma Sun* – (Arizona) **Yuma businessman pleads guilty in case that cost AEA millions.** A Yuma, Arizona businessman has admitted to taking part in a multimillion-dollar kickback scheme to obtain fraudulent business loans from AEA Federal Credit Union in a plea agreement that could send him to federal prison for up to 15 years. He is scheduled to be sentenced in October. According to documents from the U.S. District Court in Phoenix, the convict pleaded guilty June 15 to charges of transactional money laundering and conspiracy for his role in the misuse of credit union funds, which ultimately cost the financial institution millions of dollars and contributed to its insolvency. Under the terms of the plea agreement, he could be sentenced to up to 10 years in prison, and a maximum \$250,000 fine on the money laundering charge. He also faces a maximum \$250,000 fine and up to 5 years in prison on the conspiracy charge. However, the plea agreement also contains a stipulation that if the convict cooperates fully with investigation into two co-defendants and testifies in the case, the

government will recommend he receive the low end of the sentencing range or probation. After a lengthy FBI investigation, a federal grand jury in early December handed down a 68-count indictment against the former vice president of business lending for AEA; his wife, and the Yuma businessman. The indictment alleged that the vice president and his wife received almost \$1 million from the convict in exchange for \$22 million in fraudulent business loans made to the convict as the developer for Yuma Fun Factory and Top of the Kress.

Source: <http://www.yumasun.com/news/liddle-70805-ruiz-aea.html>

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## **Transportation Sector**

23. *June 20, Associated Press* – (Virginia; Ohio) **Woman said God sent her message about DC jet bomb.** A woman who told an Ohio airport worker about a bomb, which ended up halting flights at Washington Reagan National Airport in Arlington, Virginia, said she had received a message from God. No explosives were found June 19 aboard a plane that flew from Dayton to Arlington, Virginia. Reagan airport was shut down for about 20 minutes. The Dayton airport director told the Dayton Daily News that the 54-year-old Shelbyville, Kentucky, woman indicated God sent her a message, which she relayed to a ticket agent in Dayton. He said the woman said the US Airways flight had a bomb on board, and people would die. A FBI Special Agent told The Associated Press no charges have been filed. The woman is at a mental health facility.  
Source: [http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2011/06/20/general-us-bomb-threat-reagan-airport\\_8524945.html](http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2011/06/20/general-us-bomb-threat-reagan-airport_8524945.html)
24. *June 19, WISE-TV 33 Fort Wayne* – (International) **Fake flight attendant charged with identity fraud.** A \$1 million bond was set June 18 for a man accused of stealing a New York man's identity to fly around the world. The 38-year-old man was charged with six counts of identity fraud. He is accused of assuming another man's identity to become a flight attendant for American Eagle Airlines. The suspect had just returned to Miami, Florida, from London, England, when he was arrested. The FBI is trying to determine how he passed security screenings to be hired as a flight attendant. He is a native of Guyana and was living in the United States illegally. At the time of his arrest, the suspect had several driver's licenses, a passport, and a U.S. Department of Transportation identification card. He assumed the identity of a New York man.  
Source: <http://www.indianasnewscenter.com/news/local/Fake--124154694.html>
25. *June 18, Jacksonville Journal Courier* – (Illinois) **Flooded streets causing havoc for motorists; prompts mobile home park evacuation.** Flooded roads were creating problems throughout west-central Illinois in the wake of a series of thunderstorms that dumped 4 inches or more on June 18. In Jacksonville, police were evacuating residents of Rolling Acres as waters from nearby tributaries started flooding the mobile home park. A number of other streets were impassable because of 4.25 inches of rain that had fallen in Jacksonville. Interstate 72 was closed about 8:40 a.m. because of flooding at

the Jacksonville/Morton Avenue exit, and it remained closed June 18. Eastbound traffic was being redirected westbound, and westbound traffic was being rerouted onto the exit ramp and back onto the interstate. Illinois 104 between Jacksonville and Franklin was closed until further notice because of multiple flooded areas. Motorists trying to reach Interstate 55 were being rerouted about 10:15 a.m. because of flooding on I-72. With heavy rain continuing, more flooding was expected, especially in Jacksonville, Alexander, Franklin, Waverly, and Woodson, according to the National Weather Service. Law enforcement officials had received numerous calls about vehicles being submerged in water, but no serious injuries were reported. A flood warning was in effect for most of the region.

Source: <http://www.myjournalcourier.com/news/-33688--.html>

26. *June 18, IDG NEWS Service* – (National) **Computer problem grounds United flights.** United Airlines had to cancel flights June 17 after a computer breakdown affected key systems, including those for its Web site, flight departures, and reservations. Although the 5-hour outage was solved at around 1 a.m. U.S. Eastern Time June 18, the airline expected logistical problems to linger for the weekend of June 18 and 19. United blamed the incident on a "network connectivity issue" that hit at around 8:15 p.m. United canceled 16 flights June 17, and at least 15 more June 18, impacting thousands of travelers. United is part of United Continental Holdings, which also owns Continental Airlines. That other airline was not affected by the computer problem.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9217746/Computer\\_problem\\_grounds\\_United\\_flights](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9217746/Computer_problem_grounds_United_flights)

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

27. *June 20, KOMO 4 Seattle* – (Washington) **Vandals explode mailboxes near Tacoma.** Residents on 80th Street East near Tacoma, Washington, heard a booming noise June 18 that shook houses and roused neighbors just after 9 p.m. A resident found her mailbox — along with two others — torn to pieces. Residents found pieces of metal stuck in a nearby tree and blown across the street, along with what they believe is evidence of a sparkler bomb — a bunch of sparklers bound together with duct tape, which are then set on fire. A similar device was used to blow up a port-a-potty on Bainbridge Island in June 2008. It is a federal crime to vandalize mailboxes, according to the U.S. Postal Inspection Service. Violators face fines of up to \$250,000 or 3 years behind bars for each incident.

Source: <http://www.komonews.com/news/local/124186744.html>

28. *June 17, Vancouver Sun* – (International) **U.S. postal service shuts door on mail to Canada.** The United States Postal Service (USPS) stopped accepting all mail to Canada June 17, on the expectation that the labor dispute between Canada Post and its

workers will last at least into the week of June 20. In a statement, the USPS said it would "suspend accepting mail destined to Canada" starting June 18. "As a convenience to our customers and to minimize service disruptions, we arranged to accept mail destined for Canada as long as possible," the USPS vice president said. Source:

<http://www.vancouversun.com/news/postal+service+shuts+door+mail+Canada/4967912/story.html>

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

29. *June 19, Associated Press* – (International) **Gas explosion at Tijuana restaurant injures 20.** A gas explosion June 19 ripped through a Chinese restaurant in the Mexican border city of Tijuana as people nearby were shopping for Father's Day. Officials said at least 20 people were injured, but there were no known fatalities. A state civil protection chief said investigators were looking into the causes of the gas explosion that destroyed the Canton Palace restaurant, and residences on a second floor. Hundreds of people were nearby, visiting shops and street vendors, he said. A woman and a child were badly injured with burns to the face. Baja, California state investigators were continuing to dig in the rubble June 19 in search of victims. Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2011/06/19/3712248/gas-explosion-at-tijuana-restaurant.html>
30. *June 18, Associated Press* – (Wisconsin) **Bacteria that sickened 16 matches Wis. farm's.** Wisconsin health officials apparently have found the source of bacteria that sickened 16 people attending a school event early in June in Raymond. Lab tests show the bacteria that caused the diarrheal illness in people who drank raw milk at the event, matches the strain found in unpasteurized milk produced at a local farm. Officials said a parent had supplied unpasteurized milk from the farm for the school event. Testing showed the bacteria strain from stool samples submitted by ill students and adults matched the strain from milk samples taken from a bulk tank at the farm. The farm did not sell the unpasteurized milk, and no laws were broken. The farm is licensed and in good standing with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection. Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/wls/story?section=news/local/wisconsin&id=8198702>
31. *June 18, Food Safety News* – (Illinois) **Staph found in Illinois bakery tied to outbreak.** Staphylococcus aureus (S. aureus) was found inside a Chicago-area cake bakery and in the topping used to finish its cakes, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) said in a recently released June 1 warning letter. Rolf's Patisserie of Lincolnwood, Illinois, was implicated in a December 2010 outbreak that sickened 100 people. Many of those who became ill had reported eating desserts at catered holiday parties and at a restaurant. Three of the events had been held in Illinois. Seventy illnesses were reported following a single event in Wisconsin. In connection to that outbreak, Rolf's, which advertises as "a gourmet European Style Bakery" with cakes, pastries, pies, and tarts, recalled all its products, including gingerbread houses

sold through Whole Markets in 22 states. Rolfs, which employs about 134 workers temporarily shut down its operations during the investigation to sanitize the bakery. According to the FDA warning letter, *S. aureus* contamination was found inside the company's 20,000 square-foot facility. FDA inspected the bakery December 23, 2010 through February 23, 2011, taking multiple environmental samples, including those that returned positive for the staph. In the topping material, FDA "confirmed the presence of multiple enterotoxigenic (toxin-producing) strains of *s. aureus*." The warning letter alleges Rolfs failed to clean and sanitize equipment in a manner that would protect against contamination of food and food-contact surfaces.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/06/staph-contamination-found-in-bakery/>

32. *June 17, Associated Press* – (North Carolina; Ohio) **Earth Fare burgers recalled in Akron, Ohio.** Earth Fare of Fletcher, North Carolina, recalled its frozen Natural Spicy Bean Burgers because of possible salmonella contamination. The company said June 17 that the affected product was sold only in the Earth Fare store in Akron, Ohio. The recall stems from a routine sampling program of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. No illnesses were reported.

Source: <http://www.necn.com/06/17/11/Earth-Fare-burgers-recalled-in-Akron-Ohi/landing.html?&blockID=3&apID=96bb5fd6c73048f2bda76ffa3cd5b23f>

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## Water Sector

33. *June 20, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **Water district reports high nitrite, arsenic levels.** The Xenia Rural Water District has sent out several warnings about higher-than-allowed levels of nitrite and arsenic in its water, Associated Press reported June 20. The district provides water service in all or part of 11 counties west and northwest of Des Moines as well as in Worth County. The district is using sodium permanganate to treat the arsenic problems, and is combating the nitrite problem by using a different process to inject chlorine. Arsenic can cause cancer, and nitrites can be harmful to infants. The district hopes to cancel the nitrite warning by July 2011.

Source: <http://www.kcci.com/r/28292280/detail.html>

34. *June 20, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **E. Baltimore residents without water due to extra main repairs.** City public works crews have stopped restoring water to hundreds of customers in Baltimore, Maryland, so they can repair problems with smaller lines, a Baltimore Department of Public Works spokesman said. He said a 20-inch main was repaired by 4:23 a.m. June 20. Crews were reopening 30 separate valves to restore running water to the hundreds of homes that were affected, he said. However, three additional small water service lines also broke when they started allowing water to flow through the repaired main, and those must be fixed before residents can resume running water. Fire hydrants will be turned on to flush sediment and discolored water that may have been stirred up by the break. Residents may need to let their water run and rinse

out their faucet aerators, the spokesman said. Officials said pipes were brought in to repair the main that broke June 18 inside City Springs Park in the 1600 block of E. Lombard St. A large 40-inch main feeds into the affected pipe, which complicated the repair. Water was shut off between Fayette and Lombard Streets, and Broadway and Caroline Street.

Source: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/baltimore-city/bs-md-ci-water-main-20110620,0,6988175.story>

35. *June 19, Associated Press* – (Kentucky) **Lightning strikes water treatment plant in Kentucky.** Officials in south-central Kentucky are asking residents to conserve water after lightning struck a water treatment plant June 18. Rockcastle County officials said the lightning struck the plant in Mount Vernon around 10 a.m., damaging the main power pump at the plant. Engineers had one of two pumps running June 19 while awaiting parts for repairs.

Source: <http://www.newstimes.com/news/article/Lightning-strikes-water-treatment-plant-in-Ky-1430753.php>

36. *June 19, Myrtle Beach Sun News* – (South Carolina) **Storm caused wastewater spill.** The Grand Strand Water & Sewer Authority reported June 19 that there had been a waste water spill of 400,000 gallons into the Intracoastal Waterway adjacent to the plant on Mr. Joe White Avenue in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The chief of utility operations said lightning damaged an area where the waste water enters the plant, and until an electrician could repair it, the water had no way to get into the plant.

Source: <http://www.thesunnews.com/2011/06/19/2229939/storm-caused-wastwater-spill.html>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

37. *June 20, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **Fire destroys medical clinic, apartments in Mingo County, cause undetermined.** Fire officials are investigating a weekend blaze that destroyed a building housing a medical clinic and several apartments. Media outlets report that the fire occurred June 19 at the Red Jacket Medical Clinic near Matewan, West Virginia. No injuries were reported. A clinic employee said the facility's patients will have to go somewhere else for care. She said it will be difficult because the fire destroyed all of the clinic's records. The cause of the fire has not yet been determined.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/0be2bdbd797b48928bf605198b72d389/WV--Mingo-Fire/>

38. *June 20, Associated Press* – (New York) **Police review video in NY pharmacy shooting.** Police have reviewed a surveillance video from a pharmacy in a New York City suburb where four people were fatally shot, including a 17-year-old girl who was to graduate from high school the week of June 20. Police said the June 19 shootings looked like a robbery gone wrong. Suffolk County police released photographs of the

suspect: a man in his late 20s or early 30s, about 5-foot-8 with a thin build. He has dark hair, was unshaven or has a dark beard and mustache and wore a white baseball cap. The man was armed with a handgun, stole prescription drugs, and killed everyone in the shop before fleeing with a black backpack. The shootings happened at about 10:20 a.m. inside a family-owned pharmacy in a small cluster of medical offices in Medford, a middle-class hamlet on Long Island about 60 miles east of New York City. Police rushed to the scene after getting a 911 call from someone in the pharmacy's parking lot. When they arrived, they found two employees and two customers dead, said the Suffolk County Police Department's chief of detectives.

Source: [http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/43456381/ns/us\\_news/](http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/43456381/ns/us_news/)

39. *June 19, KSDK 5 St. Louis* – (Missouri) **Fireworks shut down SLU emergency room.** St. Louis, Missouri, University Hospital administrators shut down the emergency room June 19 and called out the bomb squad after a man showed up with some unusual injuries. St. Louis police said the man had what appeared to be burns from an explosive device on his hand and leg. He apparently hurt himself making fireworks. He is expected to make a full recovery. Hospital administrators closed the emergency room and called police when they learned the man had some of the "home made" fireworks in his car parked outside the hospital. Police secured the scene and no one else was hurt.  
Source: <http://www.ksdk.com/news/article/263716/3/Fireworks-shut-down-SLU-emergency-room>
40. *June 19, Associated Press* – (Illinois) **FBI seeks Illinois weight loss doctor for fraud.** The FBI is looking for an Illinois doctor who allegedly defrauded state and private insurance companies out of \$25 million. The 57-year-old doctor has been charged with felony counts of mail fraud, health care fraud, and conspiracy in a criminal complaint. He owns and operates several Nutrition Clinic locations in the Chicago, Illinois area. Ads for his clinics have blanketed the Chicago airwaves. Federal officials allege the doctor and his staff allegedly submitted insurance claims for unnecessary procedures or procedures that were never performed. His last known address was in Rockford.  
Source: [http://www.stltoday.com/news/state-and-regional/illinois/article\\_a84a8cae-e816-5c19-a255-de126553ab8c.html](http://www.stltoday.com/news/state-and-regional/illinois/article_a84a8cae-e816-5c19-a255-de126553ab8c.html)
41. *June 18, U.S. Department of Justice* – (Texas) **32 South Texas residents accused of bilking Aflac out of millions.** "Operation Sitting Duck," an ongoing investigation into fraudulent insurance claims filed with the American Family Life Assurance Company (AFLAC), has resulted in the return of eight separate but related sealed indictments, charges of conspiracy and wire fraud, and the arrest of 32 South Texas residents for alleged involvement in a scheme to defraud AFLAC of millions of dollars by allegedly filing false injury claims, a U.S. attorney announced June 18 along with a Special Agent-in-Charge of the FBI San Antonio field office. According to the indictments, which were returned under seal June 14, the defendants — who include a local police officer, county employees, and school teachers — purchased policies under the AFLAC Accident-Only Insurance Plan from several area insurance agents at various times beginning in July 2001. Over time, the defendants — many of whom allegedly

recruited one another to purchase policies and join the scheme — submitted about 21,600 allegedly false and fraudulent insurance claims, each accompanied by the physicians' accident reports, to AFLAC's claims department in Columbus, Georgia. Based on the claims, AFLAC disbursed about \$3 million in insurance proceeds to the defendants. Each count of conspiracy and wire fraud carries a sentence of up to 20 years in federal prison without parole, a \$250,000 fine, and mandatory restitution. Source: <http://www.wltz.com/Global/story.asp?S=14934861>

42. *June 17, Arizona Republic* – (Arizona) **Glendale rehab center fire forces evacuation.** A fire on the roof of a Glendale, Arizona assisted-living facility led to a response of about 70 firefighters and the brief evacuation of more than 100 residents June 17. The fire started at about 5 p.m. during maintenance on the roof of Bella Vita Health & Rehabilitation Center, a Glendale firefighter said. No further information was available on the fire's cause. No one was injured. It did not take long for firefighters to put the fire out and let residents back into the building. Firefighters had a 3-minute response time to the location near 59th Avenue and Camelback Road, the Glendale firefighter said, and the effort included teams from Glendale, Phoenix, and Peoria. Source: <http://tucsoncitizen.com/arizona-news/2011/06/17/glendale-rehab-center-fire-forces-evacuation/>
43. *June 16, Gainesville Sun* – (Florida) **Tickborne diseases in North Florida more prevalent this year.** Officials with the Alachua County, Florida Health Department have confirmed that tickborne illnesses, including Ehrlichiosis, Lyme disease, and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, are on the rise this year, citing the early and warm spring as the possible cause for a boom in the tick population. According to the Florida Department of Health, flu-like symptoms are similar for all three diseases, but Lyme disease often shows a "bull's-eye" rash around the bite area 3 to 30 days after being bitten. If not treated, Lyme disease can spread to the joints, heart, and nervous system. With Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF), some patients get a rash on the arms, legs, hands, and feet. About 3 to 5 percent of patients die from RMSF. Experts agree weather could be the culprit in increased tick numbers. Ehrlichiosis is a serious illness that can be fatal if not treated correctly, even in previously healthy people, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. Source: <http://www.gainesville.com/article/20110616/ARTICLES/110619661/-1/news02?p=all&tc=pgall>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

44. *June 20, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Student to plead guilty in Ohio State bomb threat.** The FBI said a man will plead guilty in federal court June 20 to e-mailing a false threat about bombs placed at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio in 2010 that prompted the school to close four buildings and three streets. The man was accused in a criminal complaint in May of sending a fake e-mail to the FBI November 16, indicating he had found a map showing the location of nine bombs on the campus. No bombs were found but the threat disrupted campus life for hundreds of students, staff,

and faculty. A May 27 plea agreement also said the man has been indicted in Franklin County with burglary and receiving stolen property related to stolen computer equipment used to send the e-mail.

Source:

[http://www.abc6onyourside.com/template/inews\\_wire/wires.regional.oh/3b7a310b-www.abc6onyourside.com.shtml](http://www.abc6onyourside.com/template/inews_wire/wires.regional.oh/3b7a310b-www.abc6onyourside.com.shtml)

45. *June 20, Softpedia* – (International) **LulzSec calls on everyone to attack government assets.** LulzSec has launched a new hacking campaign dubbed Operation Anti-Security and calls on everyone, supporters and enemies alike, to attack Web sites belonging to any government agency or government-friendly organization. Judging by the manifesto posted online by the hacking outfit, it seems this effort is in retaliation for the government's attempts to control the Internet. "Our Lulz Lizard battle fleet is now declaring immediate and unremitting war on the freedom-snatching moderators of 2011," the group announced. The hackers said that any online asset belonging to any government is fair game, but notes that banks and other high-ranking organizations are prime targets. Any type of attack was welcomed, such as distributed denial-of-service, Web defacements, and the leaking of classified information. In fact, the latter is described as a top priority. In only a few weeks since its first appearance online, LulzSec has attracted a strong following. It has almost 220,000 followers on Twitter alone, and many of them have demonstrated they have no problem with abusing other people's compromised accounts for fun.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/LulzSec-Calls-on-Everyone-to-Hack-Government-Assets-207042.shtml>

46. *June 18, WDSU 6 New Orleans* – (Louisiana) **Fire rocks former New Orleans school.** The New Orleans Fire Department (NOFD) in New Orleans, Louisiana said it battled a four-alarm fire at a former school June 18. Crews were called at about 11:30 a.m. The building, currently owned by First Line Schools, was home to New Orleans Charter Middle School before Hurricane Katrina. The NOFD said 29 companies worked to put out the fire and kept it from spreading to nearby buildings. The City of Love Full Gospel Church is less than 10 feet away from the building, which had no working utilities. The first firefighters at the scene said they saw some children running away from the building. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Source: <http://www.wdsu.com/r/28281873/detail.html>

47. *June 18, Columbus Ledger-Enquirer* – (Georgia) **City official: Heavy winds damage Government Center annex roof.** Heavy wind damage to the roof of the government center annex in Columbus, Georgia prompted officials to relocate the city's engineering department within the building until repairs can be made. The deputy city manager said winds from a thunderstorm June 17 folded about a quarter of the roof back, exposing at least 15 offices to heavy water damage on the second floor of the annex. Several offices in the public defender's office were also damaged, he said. The roof has been temporarily sealed off, he said, but will need to be replaced. "We don't know yet whether the computers are damaged," the deputy city manager observed. "We're drying them out before we power them back up." He estimated about 40 to 50 people were inside the building about 4:45 p.m. when the roof peeled back.

Source: <http://www.ledger-enquirer.com/2011/06/18/1624470/city-official-heavy-winds-damage.html>

48. *June 17, Stamford Advocate* – (Connecticut) **Westhill students arrested after setting off small explosives.** Two city high school students face felony charges after setting off two small homemade bombs containing household chemicals the morning of June 17 at Westhill High School in Stamford, Connecticut, police said. A Westhill employee told police he would seek medical attention after inhaling fumes from one of the exploded devices, which were set off in trash bins, police said. No other injuries were reported. The bombs, contained in plastic bottles, produced loud explosions around 9:45 a.m. in two cafeterias, said a Stamford police official, who is the head of the department's youth bureau. The noise caused panic in the cafeteria, where a school resource police officer was posted. The devices did not cause a fire, but a trash bin began smoking, he said. The contents of the bombs were unknown the afternoon of June 17, but the police official said the two students filled plastic bottles with household cleaning solutions and mixed them with aluminum foil to cause a chemical reaction. Police officers and school administrators used surveillance video footage to identify the two 16-year-old students who set off the devices. They were charged with felony counts of second-degree assault, risk of injury to a minor, first-degree reckless endangerment, and manufacturing bombs. They were being held at the juvenile detention facility in Bridgeport.

Source: <http://www.stamfordadvocate.com/news/article/Westhill-students-arrested-after-setting-off-1429074.php>

49. *June 17, Examiner.com* – (Mississippi) **FBI investigates shots fired into state Sen. David Jordan's Greenwood home.** The FBI is taking the lead and working with Greenwood, Mississippi police officers in investigating a shooting late June 16 into the home of a state senator. The senator, one of Mississippi's most politically powerful African-American political leaders, said June 17, he heard the shots just before midnight but thought that they were across the street. He confirms that three shots were fired, one went into the trunk of his wife's car, one hit the brick wall of his house, and one went through his living room window and lodged in the wall. Neither the senator nor police know what motivated the shooting, or who did it. The senator thinks the shooting may have been related to a documentary film crew that he had at his house the afternoon of June 16.

Source: <http://www.examiner.com/city-buzz-in-jackson/fbi-investigates-shots-fired-into-state-sen-david-jordan-s-greenwood-home>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

50. *June 19, Chicago Sun-Times* – (Illinois) **'Explosive device' found at Evanston police post, suspect in custody.** A suspect is in custody after an "explosive device" was found outside an Evanston Police Department outpost on the southern edge of

Evanston, Illinois. On June 18, Evanston Police received information about a possible explosive device planted at the department's Howard Street Outpost, a release from Evanston police said. As a result, bomb technicians from the Cook County Sheriff's Police responded and conducted a search, locating an explosive device in the rear exterior of the building. The device was made inoperable by bomb squad technicians, and the Chicago Fusion Center was notified. Agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives also assisted. A person of interest was taken into custody June 18, Evanston police said. A statement was obtained and additional evidence was recovered, police said. The suspect was turned over to federal authorities late June 19, when formal charges were pending, according to police.

Source: <http://www.suntimes.com/6057089-417/explosive-device-found-at-evanston-police-post-suspect-in-custody.html>

51. *June 17, West Orange Patch* – (New Jersey) **Fire breaks out at police headquarters.** A fire broke out at the West Orange, New Jersey Police Department on Main Street shortly after 11 a.m. June 17. Fire officials on scene said the fire was caused by an overheated motor. No injuries were reported. The fire began in the sprinkler room on the first floor of the 2-story building. The blaze was extinguished before spreading to other parts of the building, officials said. Police officers that had evacuated the building said they could smell heavy smoke from the second floor and called the fire department. Roughly 30 people were evacuated from the building. Source: <http://westorange.patch.com/articles/fire-breaks-out-at-police-headquarters>
52. *June 17, Lehigh Valley Express-Times* – (New Jersey) **Lambertville man indicted for allegedly threatening his landlord, former U.S. Sen. Robert Torricelli.** A 43-year-old Lambertville, New Jersey resident was indicted on charges he sent threatening letters to his landlord, a former U.S. Senator. He was also indicted on charges of impersonating a law enforcement officer, and using false government documents. The suspect had more than 30 fake identification cards that he could use to pass as an FBI agent or member of the media, authorities said. He allegedly sent threatening letters to the former U.S. Senator, and to a property manager at Woodrose Properties, court records indicate. He pretended to be a police officer to claim they did not have the authority to evict him from his home, authorities said. The Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office said his threats to the former Senator were based solely on the former Senator's role as his landlord — not as a former government official. The suspect was arrested in mid-February in New Hope, Pennsylvania, and was sent to undergo a mental health evaluation, according to authorities. A Hunterdon County grand jury handed down the three-count indictment June 16. Source: [http://www.lehighvalleylive.com/hunterdon-county/express-times/index.ssf/2011/06/lambertville\\_man\\_indicted\\_on\\_c.html](http://www.lehighvalleylive.com/hunterdon-county/express-times/index.ssf/2011/06/lambertville_man_indicted_on_c.html)

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## **Information Technology Sector**

53. *June 20, Computerworld* – (International) **Attackers exploit latest Flash bug on large scale, says researcher.** Hackers are aggressively exploiting a just-patched Flash vulnerability, serving attack code "on a fairly large scale" from compromised sites as well as from their own malicious domains, a security researcher said June 17. The attacks exploit the critical Flash Player bug that Adobe patched June 14 with its second "out-of-band," or emergency update, in 9 days. "CVE-2011-2110 is being exploited in the wild on a fairly large scale," said a researcher with the Shadowserver Foundation, a volunteer-run group that tracks vulnerabilities and botnets. "In particular this exploit is showing up as a drive-by in several legitimate Web sites, including those belonging to various NGOs [non-government organizations], aerospace companies, a Korean news site, an Indian government Web site, and a Taiwanese university." CVE-2011-2110 is the identifier for the Flash vulnerability assigned by the Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures database. Attackers are also using the exploit in "spear phishing" attacks aimed at specific individuals, the researcher said. He called the attacks "nasty" because the exploit "happens seamlessly in the background," giving victims no clue their systems have been compromised. When Adobe patched the vulnerability the week of June 13, it conceded exploits were already in use.  
Source:  
[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9217758/Attackers\\_exploit\\_latest\\_Flash\\_bug\\_on\\_large\\_scale\\_says\\_researcher](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9217758/Attackers_exploit_latest_Flash_bug_on_large_scale_says_researcher)
54. *June 19, IDG News Service* – (International) **Reports: Sega customer database hacked.** Video game company Sega had a database hacked and sensitive information on about 1.3 million customers has been compromised, according to media reports. The database of the Sega Pass Web site includes customer names, dates of birth, e-mail addresses, and encrypted passwords. Various media outlets have been able to confirm the attack with officials from the Japanese company. The news site Playstation Lifestyle posted the text of an e-mail that Sega reportedly sent to Sega Pass registered users June 17 informing them of the breach. In the letter, Sega stresses that passwords were not stored in plain text, but rather encrypted, and that payment information was not involved in the incident.  
Source:  
[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9217747/Reports\\_Sega\\_customer\\_database\\_hacked](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9217747/Reports_Sega_customer_database_hacked)
55. *June 17, The Register* – (International) **Google: Our rapid load won't give you anything nasty.** Google has downplayed concerns that refinements to its search technology could leave surfers more exposed to search engine manipulation attacks. Google Inside Search aims to speed up Web searches by pre-loading content from remote sites. The so-called Instant Pages technology only works with Google Chrome. Miscreants often manipulate search engine results so links to scareware portals and the like appear prominently in search results for newsworthy terms. These search engine poisoning tactics rely on establishing link farms after hacking into portions of popular Web sites, using search engines' "sponsored" links to reference malicious sites and injecting HTML code, among other tricks. Scareware affiliates normally rely on victims to click on links to malicious sites among search results before they are taken to dangerous domains. However, the Instant Pages technology might remove this

requirement, pre-fetching content from malicious Web sites and "creating a possibility that a user can be exploited by simply searching, without even clicking on a link," a researcher from Websense Security Labs said. Google said it has been careful to minimize this possibility.

Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/06/17/google\\_instants\\_search\\_engine\\_peril/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/06/17/google_instants_search_engine_peril/)

56. *June 17, IDG News Service* – (International) **Man charged with \$1M extortion hack at oDesk.** An Indian man has been charged with breaking into a company's Internet domain name registration account as part of a \$1 million extortion attempt. He was indicted on computer hacking and extortion charges June 16 at the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California in San Jose. Two years ago, he allegedly took over the MyDomain.com account of technology staffing firm oDesk and changed the password and administrative contact. After oDesk had been locked out, the man starting sending oDesk executives a series of threatening e-mails demanding that the company pay him \$1 million or he would sell oDesk's information or release it on the Internet, July 18, 2009, according to the grand jury indictment. To prove he had access, the man e-mailed company executives a list of the more than 70 domains they had registered, along with the last four digits of an executive's credit card number, the indictment said. oDesk said June 17 no user information had been compromised by the hack.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9217739/Man\\_charged\\_with\\_1M\\_extortion\\_hack\\_at\\_oDesk](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9217739/Man_charged_with_1M_extortion_hack_at_oDesk)

57. *June 17, Computerworld* – (International) **Hackers move fast to exploit just-patched IE bug.** Just 3 days after Microsoft patched 11 bugs in Internet Explorer (IE), hackers are exploiting 1 of those vulnerabilities, a security company said June 17. Microsoft fixed the flaw June 14 in an 11-patch update for IE. That update was part of a larger Patch Tuesday roll-out that quashed 34 bugs in 16 separate security bulletins. Most security experts had put the IE update at the top of their priority lists, and urged Windows users to deploy it as soon as possible. Symantec reported June 17 that CVE 2011-1255 — its assigned ID in the Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures database — is already being abused. "So far, we have only seen limited attacks taking advantage of this vulnerability and believe that the exploit is only being carried out in targeted attacks at present," a senior researcher with Symantec's security response team said. He said Symantec found an exploit on a compromised site that automatically downloads an encrypted malicious file to the PC of any user browsing with an unpatched copy of IE8. The malware shows some bot traits, he added. Once planted on a machine, it contacts a remote server and listens for commands from its hacker overlords. Although the CVE 2011-1255 vulnerability affects IE6 and IE7 as well as IE8, Symantec has only seen working exploits that target the latter.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9217727/Hackers\\_move\\_fast\\_to\\_exploit\\_just\\_patched\\_IE\\_bug](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9217727/Hackers_move_fast_to_exploit_just_patched_IE_bug)

58. *June 17, Softpedia* – (International) **Bitcoin owners targeted via trojans.** Security researchers have identified two trojans specifically designed to search for and steal

Bitcoin wallets from infected computers. One of the trojans was being distributed on the actual Bitcoin forums through rogue, but well-crafted private messages. Users have reported two separate spam runs, one promoting a more efficient bitcoin mining tool, and one claiming they broke the forum rules. According to security researchers from F-Secure who analyzed the malware, the trojan searches for wallet.dat files and sends them to a hotmail address via a Polish SMTP server. It seems the password for the SMTP account was changed so the Trojan-PSW:W32/CoinBit.A variant discovered by F-Secure is no longer effective at the moment. Using information found inside the trojan, such as the hotmail address and the .pl SMTP account, members of the bitcoin forum have tried tracking down the trojan's creator and found that he sold hacking tools before. Meanwhile, security researchers from Symantec report finding a second trojan that serves the same purpose — to steal bitcoin wallets. However, instead of sending the files via e-mail, the malware uploads them to a FTP. Symantec detects the threat as Infostealer.Coinbit.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Bitcoin-Owners-Targeted-by-Trojans-206832.shtml>

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## Communications Sector

59. *June 20, CNET* – (National) **Netflix outage not caused by hackers.** Netflix, the Web's top video rental service but one with a history of suffering outages, saw another multihour blackout June 20. The site seems to have gone down for about 3 or 4 hours, according to reports from those posting to Twitter. Netflix did not provide much information about the malfunction's cause. "Good morning," wrote the Netflix's spokesman. "It was a technical issue that we fixed." This is the third time the service has gone offline in the past 10 months. In the past decade, the service has become a major entertainment hub for more than 23 million users.

Source: [http://news.cnet.com/8301-31001\\_3-20072532-261/netflix-outage-not-caused-by-hackers/](http://news.cnet.com/8301-31001_3-20072532-261/netflix-outage-not-caused-by-hackers/)

60. *June 20, Kitsap Sun* – (Washington) **Highway 305 blocked after cell phone tower fire.** A Verizon cell phone tower in Poulsbo, Washington that caught fire and leaned over caused the closure of Highway 305 between Lemolo Shore Drive and Noll Road June 20. The tower, on Highway 305 near Lemolo, caught fire just before 4 a.m., according to the Poulsbo Fire Department. The fire caused structural damage to the tower, and it began leaning toward the highway. It was shut down while construction

crews worked with large cranes to fix the tower. Firefighters said the cause of the fire is unknown. Verizon and its contractor were on the scene with Puget Sound Energy, state patrol troopers, and the department of transportation.

Source: <http://www.kitsapsun.com/news/2011/jun/20/highway-305-blocked-after-cell-phone-tower-starts/>

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## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

61. *June 20, Springfield News-Leader* – (Missouri) **Emergency management reports smooth evacuation from music fest Saturday.** The Greene County Emergency Management director said everything went smoothly during the evacuation of the Show Me Music and Arts Festival in Springfield, Missouri the night of June 18. The festival was brought to a halt about 30 minutes early because of a severe thunderstorm warning. "It went smooth," he said. "We had a meteorologist on site and we were giving regular updates to the crowd." The emergency management director said the emcee did a good job of informing the crowd and keeping them calm. He said everyone was either off site or in the Springfield Underground — the 2-million-square-foot underground commercial/retail area — by the time the storm hit. All campers were evacuated from the campsite too. About 2,000 people, 50 cars and a tour bus all stayed underground for about 45 minutes. Although the storm brought high winds, the emergency management director said it did not cause damage at the festival site. The gale knocked down some 10- to 14-inch trees in the Walnut Grove area and damaged some outbuildings.

Source: <http://www.news-leader.com/article/20110619/NEWS01/110619003/1002/SPORTS/?odyssey=nav|head>

62. *June 20, Delaware News Journal* – (New Jersey) **Fire destroys former chemical factory in NJ.** For the third time this month, a vacant factory erupted in flames in Camden, New Jersey, June 19 — and investigators believe the building may have been torched. "We do not have a cause, but we're definitely looking at this as a possible arson," a spokesman for the Camden County Prosecutor's Office, said after the six-alarm blaze. The fire was reported around 5:15 a.m. at the former Concord Chemical plant at 17th and Federal streets. The 4-story brick building recently underwent a federal cleanup that removed hundreds of containers holding hazardous and flammable materials, authorities said. The early-morning blaze sent smoke and flames above the derelict factory — a sight that's become common in Camden. On June 9, a 12-alarm fire that began in a former tire warehouse scorched several blocks in the city's Gateway section, damaging or destroying 20 occupied houses. Two days later, an eight-alarm fire burned down a former factory, and a neighboring home in the Waterfront South area. The causes of the first two fires remain unknown, authorities said. No injuries were reported at the June 19 blaze, which drew firefighters from Camden and 18 other communities. Some residents were evacuated from their homes, but no one was known to be permanently displaced. Unlike the two previous factory fires, the June 19 blaze was in a predominately industrial area. It did not appear to spread to any of few homes

nearby. City officials did not provide an official account of the fire. But the blaze's impact could be felt throughout East Camden, where normally busy Federal Street was closed from State Street to Marlton Pike. New Jersey Transit suspended River LINE service south of the 36th Street stop in Pennsauken due to hoses that were stretched across the tracks. The transit agency provided bus service between Camden and Pennsauken until rail service resumed in mid-afternoon.

Source: <http://www.delawareonline.com/article/20110620/NEWS/110620008/Fire-destroys-former-chemical-factory-NJ?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|Home>

63. *June 19, Agence France-Presse* – (International) **Gunmen in Mexico kill 22 as FIFA tournament opens.** At least 22 people were killed in a string of attacks in Mexico, authorities said June 19, including a shooting at a bar in Monterrey just hours after the opening of soccer's Under-17 World Cup soccer tournament. Gunmen stormed the bar in Mexico's third largest city late June 18 and "executed three people," wounded another, and kidnapped a security guard at the bar who was later found dead, an official of Nuevo Leon state's investigation agency said. Four other people, 18-25 years old, were killed the morning of June 19 in Guadalupe, a city adjacent to Monterrey. "The victims were gathering in front of one of their homes when armed men showed up in several vehicles and shot them," the official said. Monterrey is one of the host cities for the International Federation of Association Football's Under-17 soccer tournament, and it held two matches on its opening day June 18. The relatively prosperous industrial hub of northern Mexico, home to several foreign companies, was until recently considered a near-safe haven as drug violence increased in many parts of the country. Thirty-three killings were recorded in and around Monterrey, an area of about 4 million people, June 15, making it the area's most violent day in recent history. Another 14 people were killed in the western state of Michoacan, whose bodies were found early June 19, authorities said, also blaming drug cartel-related violence there. Mexico is in the grip of a brutal wave of largely drug-related violence that has killed some 37,000 people since the country's president launched a military crackdown on organized crime in 2006.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5g0EQDSI09a03RjpSd2V7LykT0bhg?docId=CNG.183747070ebaeb0aaf1c700ebe1075ce.661>

64. *June 19, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Wind-blown wildfire still uncontained near Comfort.** Firefighters said 140 acres burned as they worked to control a significant grass fire that destroyed eight RVs and the clubhouse at an RV park near Comfort, Texas June 19. The Boerne Fire Department chief said the fire had not been contained as of 9:30 p.m. June 19, and that firefighters would keep battling the blaze overnight. Firefighters were concerned about high winds and continued dry weather as they fought the fires. A fire department dispatcher said the blaze was reported around 2:30 p.m. near the 533 mile marker, just past the Welfare exit on I-10 west. The blaze had traffic backed up in both directions on I-10 for miles, although the interstate was reopened by early the night of June 19. Kendall County Sheriff's Department officials said about 50 nearby homeowners were asked to evacuate. Firefighters from nine departments, including Boerne, Sisterdale and Leon Springs, were called for assistance. One firefighter was treated for dehydration. Fire officials said the blaze sparked in the

median along I-10 and spread from there. Witnesses reported hearing explosions believed to be propane tanks at the RV park.

Source: <http://www.kens5.com/home/BREAKING-Firefighters-battling-grass-fire-in-Comfort-60-residents-evacuated-124163279.html>

65. *June 18, Kitsap Sun* – (Washington) **FBI investigates man's harrassing calls to casino.** The FBI is investigating a man who made harassing calls to Chips Casino in Bremerton, Washington, June 17 and 18, and apparently has been doing the same thing elsewhere. A Chips' accountant and security manager told deputies they received at least 30 harassing calls June 18, and at least 17 June 17. The man asked to talk a particular employee. They wouldn't let him but took messages. None of the callback numbers worked. The man kept calling, claiming he was with the FBI, and that the employee he was looking for was a criminal. He was aggressive, he asked the security manager if he knew any al-Qaida, and said he said he was going to blast the building. He also made derogatory sexual remarks. The security manager asked to talk to the man's supervisor. He transferred the call and a dispatcher for the Waco, Texas, Police Department came on the line. She said they've been dealing with the same guy. He has tapped into phone company cables and computers, and has been making harassing and threatening calls all over the country. He patched into the dispatch center phone line and transfers calls there when people ask for his supervisor. The employee he was looking for said she didn't know him, but that 3 months ago she got similar repeated calls. She couldn't understand the suspect well because he had an accent. A deputy contacted the Waco dispatcher, who said they reported the man to the FBI because he threatened them and talked about blowing things up.
- Source: <http://www.kitsapsun.com/news/2011/jun/18/harassing-caller-claims-to-be-fbi-and-talks-up/>
66. *June 18, KSTU 13 Salt Lake City* – (Utah) **Ogden hostage situation ends with suspect hospitalized.** A hostage situation in Ogden, Utah was resolved the morning of June 18 with the suspect shooting himself and the woman believed to be his hostage released. Ogden police and SWAT teams surrounded a motel at around 5 p.m. June 17 after an armed 37-year-old man refused arrest, and took a hostage. An Ogden police lieutenant said officers were trying to arrest the suspect, a convicted felon and known Nortanos gang member, on a felony drug warrant in front of the the Western Colony Inn at 24th Street where the man had been staying for 10 days. He said the suspect shot at police then ran into one of the rooms and locked the door. Ogden Metro SWAT was called in to assist police. Tenants in the motel were immediately evacuated and a perimeter was set up around the building. The suspect told police over the phone that he was holding a woman hostage inside the room. "The response they got from the suspect was 'no I'm not coming out, you're not taking me voluntarily. Try come taking me, you're going to have a fight on your hands,' " the lieutenant said. The suspect's family was outside the hotel throughout the standoff, trying to convince him to turn himself in. After hours of attempted negotiations, the SWAT team entered made an explosive entrance to the hotel room to arrest the man at around 9 a.m. The suspect shot himself in the chest, refusing to submit to custody. He was eventually taken into custody and was sent to McKay Dee Hospital, undergoing surgery. His female hostage was unharmed.

Source: <http://www.fox13now.com/news/kstu-police-man-locked-in-hotel-room-claims-to-have-hostage-20110617,0,5400066.story>

67. *June 17, KOIN 6 Portland* – (Oregon) **Suspicious device evacuates Salem Center Mall, causes street closures.** A suspicious device at Salem Center Mall in Salem, Oregon evacuated shoppers and closed several surrounding streets the afternoon of June 17, according to local police. The dispatch to police came in at about 3:10 p.m. that a man entered the mall, dropped an orange backpack and left. After a full evacuation, a bomb squad robot determined there was nothing dangerous in the pack. The issue was resolved around 5:15 p.m. The mall sits in the center of downtown, just blocks from several bridges and access to highways. Among the streets closed in the area of the mall: High Street; Union Street; Marion Street; Center Street; and Liberty Street. Several businesses across the street from the mall remained open during the investigation.

Source: <http://www.koinlocal6.com/news/local/story/Suspicious-device-evacuates-Salem-Center-Mall/EaEaI0jPcUOC02hlYuZtPA.csp>

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

68. *June 20, Houston Chronicle* – (Texas) **Wildfires rage in East Texas.** An army of firefighters battled a 15,000-acre wildfire June 19 in Trinity and Polk counties in Texas, one of the largest wildfires in East Texas history and one of dozens burning across the state. The "Bearing fire" has been burning since June 17 in the Davy Crockett National Forest, about 100 miles north of Houston, a spokeswoman at the National Forest Service said. As of 3:30 a.m. June 20, the Grimes County fire had burned 4,000 acres, and the Trinity County fire had burned 15,000 acres, the National Weather Service reported. Nearly 60 buildings had been damaged or destroyed in both, officials said, and the small communities of Griffin Ranch and Helmic were evacuated. The fire started after a person hauling a trailer pulled off the road with a hot wheel bearing, which ignited dry grass nearby, officials said. No injuries were reported, but the fire destroyed several structures and forced evacuations in some communities. It was only about 40 percent contained June 19. Statewide, dozens of wildfires destroyed at least 37 homes, and forced hundreds of people to evacuate.

Source: <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/metropolitan/7617283.html>

69. *June 20, Associated Press* – (Arizona; New Mexico) **Lighter winds expected at S. Arizona wildfire.** Lighter winds were expected to give firefighters in southern Arizona a break June 20 after a weekend in which thousands of residents fled their homes as powerful winds pushed the flames across roads and containment lines and toward populated areas. About 3,000 people from 1,700 homes were evacuated June 19 as the Monument fire just south of Sierra Vista — burning for a week — picked up speed with winds gusted up to 60 mph, a Cochise County sheriff's spokeswoman said late June 19. Evacuations brought the total number to about 10,000 people from 4,300

homes forced to flee flames of the Monument fire, she said. Earlier in the day, the fire was reported 27 percent contained at about 21,000 acres or nearly 33 square miles. Meanwhile, the massive Wallow fire that has been burning in eastern Arizona for 3 weeks kept about 200 residents of Luna, New Mexico, under an evacuation order for a second day. A containment line that had held through days of high winds was breached June 18, and the fire raced toward town before shifting winds steered it around the community. It was moving to the north into an area of scattered ranches late the afternoon of June 19, a fire information officer said. Residents of Alpine, Arizona, were allowed to return to their homes June 18 after being forced out for more than 2 weeks, while residents of the resort town of Greer, Arizona, will be allowed to return home June 20. The Wallow blaze has consumed nearly 800 square miles, a little more than 511,000 acres, and more than 3,500 firefighters were trying to stop its advance. Source: <http://www.wqow.com/Global/story.asp?S=14938304>

70. *June 20, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **Duckett fire closures to be lifted Monday.** Crews made good progress June 19 fighting the Duckett fire in Custer and Fremont counties in Colorado, and almost all evacuations were slated to be lifted at 10 a.m. June 20, officials said. The fire was 55 percent contained as of 8 p.m. June 19. The fire has consumed 4,353 acres and caused an estimated \$4.2 million in damage, according to the U.S. Forest Service. The fire began June 12 in the San Isabel National Forest. The cause of the fire is under investigation. Residents will be the only ones allowed into the burn area June 20. The Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp, and Rito Alta mine area will remain closed, however.

Source: [http://www.denverpost.com/breakingnews/ci\\_18310894](http://www.denverpost.com/breakingnews/ci_18310894)

71. *June 17, Blue Mountain Eagle* – (Oregon) **Police raid major pot grow in NE forest.** A multi-agency team arrested six people June 16 at an outdoor marijuana grow operation that was discovered by bear hunters on U.S. Forest Service land in a remote forest area in Enterprise, Oregon. It is believed to be the largest grow operation discovered to date in Oregon. Police said a group of bear hunters came across the site this spring and reported it to local law enforcement. Authorities were assisted by an Oregon State Police SWAT team and air support from the Oregon Army National Guard. Suspects aged 26, 24, 28, 32, 21, and 29 were arrested and lodged at the Union County Jail. All were held on charges of unlawful manufacture and possession of marijuana. A La Grande Police sergeant, who is team supervisor of the Union/Wallowa County Drug Team, described the grow as "staggering," encompassing a stretch over 1 mile in a ravine where growers disrupted the terrain with terracing. Over 91,000 plants ranging in size from starters to larger plants were eradicated over a 2-day period. The plants were concealed in several separate pods developed by removing trees and underbrush to camouflage the grow site, and "miles" of plastic irrigation tubing was also found. Investigators found campsites and numerous weapons, including semi-automatic long barrel firearms and handguns. Food, water, and other supplies were found at campsites that could sustain the growers for several weeks.

Source: [http://www.bluemountaineagle.com/free/police-raid-major-pot-grow-in-ne-forest/article\\_7a444486-9914-11e0-a50b-001cc4c03286.html](http://www.bluemountaineagle.com/free/police-raid-major-pot-grow-in-ne-forest/article_7a444486-9914-11e0-a50b-001cc4c03286.html)

## Dams Sector

72. *June 20, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Bonnet Carre spillway gates closed.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers June 20 finished closing a spillway northwest of New Orleans, Louisiana, that helped protect the city from the Mississippi River's floodwaters. The Corps began opening the Bonnet Carre Spillway May 9, diverting rwater into Lake Pontchartrain and relieving pressure on the levee systems downriver. Ultimately, 330 of the spillway's 350 bays were opened before the Corps started closing them June 12. The last 20 bays were closed June 20. The National Weather Service lifted a flood warning for the New Orleans area May 27 as the river dipped below flood stage. The Corps May 15 also started opening the Morganza floodway about 35 miles northwest of Baton Rouge for the first time since 1973. The number of gates opened on the Morganza peaked at 17. Only one gate remained open as of June 20. Opening the Morganza diverted water from the Mississippi into the Atchafalaya River, which carried it into the Gulf of Mexico.  
Source: [http://www.wwtv.com/news/Plans-to-completely-close-Bonnet-Carre-Spillway-start-Monday-124163369.html?hpt=us\\_bn5](http://www.wwtv.com/news/Plans-to-completely-close-Bonnet-Carre-Spillway-start-Monday-124163369.html?hpt=us_bn5)
73. *June 19, Jacksonville Journal-Courier* – (Illinois) **Levee fails in Scott County.** A Mauvaisterre Creek levee outside Oxville, Illinois, broke around 5 a.m. June 19, flooding thousands of acres of Illinois River bottom farmland, and closing Illinois 100. A Scott County Sheriff's Department spokesman said there were three breaks in the levee, and one of them was about 400-feet long. At 2 p.m., water was still pouring through the largest breach as farmers moved grain and equipment off farms west of the levee breaks in the river bottom. "As of 7 p.m., two of the four pumps at the Scott County Levee and Drainage District pump house were in operation," the drainage district commissioner said.  
Source: <http://www.myjournalcourier.com/news/bluffs-33702-levee-naples.html>
74. *June 19, WDAY 6 Fargo* – (North Dakota) **Dike was damaged in Bismarck while soldiers took cover during storm.** Soldiers were pulled off patrol of a dike in Bismarck, North Dakota, to take cover during heavy rain and lightning June 18. During that time, a 6-inch pump on the levee clogged, damaging the dike. Crews patched up the area, and the National Guard is confident dikes will hold. Patrolling was back to 24 hours a day by June 19.  
Source: <http://www.wday.com/event/article/id/48090/>
75. *June 19, Kansas City Star* – (Missouri) **Overtopped levees prompt evacuations in Atchison and Holt counties.** The Missouri River overtopped levees in Atchison and Holt counties in Missouri June 19, prompting evacuations and road closures. Communities all along the river are preparing for a summer of high water. After a significant snow melt and unusually heavy spring rains, Gavins Point Dam in South Dakota started releasing 150,000 cubic feet of water per second June 14. The record release rate is expected to continue throughout the summer. A 2-foot rise in the Missouri River over 24 hours led to water overtopping a levee in Atchison County the morning of June 19. "The two-foot rise was not something that we anticipated," said Atchison County's deputy director of emergency management and 911. However, the

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers anticipated water could overtop the levee at some point, officials said. The water flow June 19 damaged the 12- to 15-foot-tall earthen levee too significantly to combat with sandbags, but a Corps spokesman said officials thought the river level may dip down some by June 20. Atchison County emergency management issued evacuation advisories to people in the communities near the levee — Watson, Phelps City, and Langdon.

Source: <http://www.kansascity.com/2011/06/19/2961113/overtopped-levees-prompt-evacuations.html>

76. *June 18, KTIV 4 Sioux City* – (South Dakota) **Corps bumps up releases at Oahe Dam at Pierre.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced it would raise releases at the Oahe Dam in Pierre, South Dakota, another 10,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) the weekend of June 18 and 19, bringing it up to 160,000 cfs by June 19. "We are transferring flood storage from Oahe and Big Bend to Fort Randall, which has more storage available at this time," said the chief of water management for the Corps' northwestern division. "The amount of rain has nearly filled the reservoirs, doing away with most of the flexibility we had built into our operations for this year," he said. The additional volume will be stored at Fort Randall, with the releases at Fort Randall and Gavins Point remaining at 150,000 cfs. Flows from the Fort Peck and Garrison dams will remain the same, based on current forecast, at 65,000 cfs and 150,000 cfs, respectively.

Source: <http://www.ktiv.com/story/14933183/corps-bumps-up-releases-at-oahe-dam-at-pierre>

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