



# Homeland Security

## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 22 June 2011

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- According to the Associated Press, Pacific Gas & Electric Co. agreed to pay \$26 million and acknowledged safety violations in a 2008 fatal natural gas explosion that destroyed one home and damaged several others in California. (See item [4](#))
- ABC News reports 11 companies, including Iran's state-sponsored shipping line, were indicted in New York City for conspiring to evade U.S. sanctions on trade with Iran by duping major U.S. banks to funnel more than \$60 million through them. (See item [19](#))

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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 21, Florida Times-Union* – (Georgia) **Explosion damages Waycross plant; no injuries reported.** An explosion damaged the Georgia Biomass wood pellet processing plant near Waycross, Georgia June 20, crippling production at the factory that began operations a little more than a month ago. No injuries were reported in the blast that occurred about 8 a.m. at the plant in the Waycross-Ware County Industrial Park about 5 miles west of Waycross off U.S. 82 and U.S. 1. Georgia Biomass is a subsidiary of

RWE Innogy of Germany, one of the top five electricity and gas companies in Europe. An estimated \$175 million investment, the factory is deemed “the world’s largest wood pellet plant.” As they assess the damage, company officials are searching for the “root cause” of the problem, so they can resolve it and prevent future mishaps.

Source: <http://jacksonville.com/news/crime/2011-06-21/story/explosion-damages-waycross-plant-no-injuries-reported>

2. *June 21, Dallas Morning News* – (Texas) **Overnight storms knock out power to more than 40,000, cause scattered damage across Dallas-Fort Worth.** The first day of summer arrived with a bang in Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas. A series of thunderstorms passed through overnight June 20 into 21, dropping record rainfall, disrupting traffic on roads and railways, and causing scattered damage across the area. The worst of the morning storms cleared off before dawn June 21, but the heavy rain caused flooding and left standing water on many roads. That made for a treacherous commute for drivers, as crashes peppered the highways. High winds — with gusts as high as 75 mph reported — and falling tree limbs left thousands of people in the dark. Nearly 16,000 customers were still without electricity the afternoon of June 21, according to Oncor Electric Delivery. At its peak, power was disrupted to 45,000. The outages also slowed Dallas Area Rapid Transit trains, which ran 5 to 10 minutes behind schedule, a spokesman said. Some commuters were reporting delays of up to 30 minutes, however. Denton County’s new A-train also faced lengthy delays when the weather caused crossing arms to fail and crews had to direct traffic themselves.

Source: <http://www.dallasnews.com/news/local-news/20110621-overnight-storms-knock-out-power-to-more-than-40000-cause-scattered-damage-across-dallas-fort-worth.ece>

3. *June 20, Associated Press* – (Kentucky) **3 men trapped in southeastern Kentucky mine OK.** Three men trapped all day June 20 in a coal mine in Middlesboro, Kentucky, flooded by overnight rains, have moved to dry ground under the earth while awaiting rescue, and they were regularly communicating with officials at the surface, authorities said. An entrance to the mine collapsed at about 6:40 a.m. and water began pouring in from a swollen drainage ditch. A Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet spokesman said the soonest the men could be brought out was the evening of June 20. He told the Associated Press that water was being pumped out and that “we’re just waiting for it to get low enough so they can wade out.” A state-trained mine rescue team was on hand at the mine along the Tennessee and Virginia borders. The men are not hurt and have been communicating regularly with rescuers, a Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) spokeswoman said. The mine is owned by James River Coal and operated by Bell County Coal. Crews pumped 1,100 gallons of water per minute from the Jellico No. 1 mine, and an additional power center was set up to run more pumps. The mine, one of four that Bell County Coal has listed with MSHA, has been cited 32 times during inspections that started in April, records show. The company has been cited 82 times since 2009 for many reasons, from inadequate roof supports to accumulating dust to issues with the electrical system.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9NVT983.htm>

4. *June 20, Associated Press* – (California) **PG&E admits safety violations in fatal 2008 Sacramento-area home explosion, will pay \$26M fine.** Pacific Gas & Electric Co. (PG&E) has agreed to pay \$26 million in penalties and acknowledged safety violations in a fatal natural gas explosion that destroyed one home and damaged several others in a Sacramento, California suburb December 24, 2008, state regulators said June 20. The explosion in Rancho Cordova killed one man and injured five others. Investigators found PG&E installed incorrect pipe during a repair in 2006, and was slow in responding to a leak report the day of the blast. The motion to approve the agreement — signed by attorneys for both the commission’s Consumer Protection and Safety Division and the company — cited February 2011 testimony in which “PG&E stated, ‘The tragic explosion and fire ... resulted from a series of failures by PG&E employees to follow prescribed procedures, failures for which PG&E takes full responsibility.’” Under the terms of the stipulated resolution, PG&E would pay a \$26 million fine to the state’s general fund and agree that it violated several pipeline safety regulations. In addition, the company would pay the costs of the state investigation and the proceedings against the utility. The fines and costs would be charged to shareholders, not customers.  
Source:  
<http://www.dailyjournal.net/view/story/fff23e47316b413a8d6b2d3dbb7ae1c5/CA--Home-Explodes-Fine/>
5. *June 20, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **Feds make permanent emergency rule requiring more control on explosive mine coal dust.** Federal regulators have made permanent an emergency rule implemented last year requiring underground mines to do more to control explosive coal dust. The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MHA) announced the final rule June 20. The rule was issued last September, 5 months after 29 miners were killed in an explosion at West Virginia’s Upper Big Branch Mine. The change increased the amount of pulverized stone or other inert material mines must use to dilute coal dust in tunnels that bring fresh air underground. An independent report by a former top federal mine regulator released last month blamed Massey Energy Co. for allowing highly explosive coal dust and methane gas to accumulate in the mine. MSHA has yet to release its final report, but has said hundreds of sample collected inside the mine showed coal dust played a role in the blast. When the temporary rule was announced, the coal industry expressed immediate support for the change, which is already a state requirement in West Virginia.  
Source:  
<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/81953c15c4ff4c8ea3ccc5eefc8454c6/WV--Mine-Safety/>
6. *June 20, WCAX 3 Burlington* – (Vermont) **Essex Jct gas leak may be larger than thought.** A gas leak that brought an Essex Junction, Vermont, shopping center to a standstill may have been much worse than first thought, WCAX 3 Burlington reported June 20. It was discovered in May, but state officials said it may have been going on for months. State officials said the Gulf gas station has likely been leaking gas since February, and that records show a monthly inventory loss since then. The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (VNR) is now estimating 2,600 gallons may have leaked into the surrounding soil. On May 24, business owners at the Post Office Square

shopping plaza smelled a strong odor of gasoline in the parking lot. Eight fire and rescue crews— including a state hazmat team— responded. More than 15 businesses were evacuated, but were allowed to open the next day. State officials, however, are not convinced it was a minor spill from a fuel delivery as the gas station owner alleges. The week of June 13, the VNR received an emergency order from the state environmental court to stop operations at the Gulf. The gas station owner was ordered to drain his tanks and remove them and any contaminated soil from the ground within 5 business days. The state said 2,600 gallons is a serious spill and it's critical they fix the source of the leak. Once the tanks come completely out of the ground June 22, the state will have a better idea of how much gas leaked.

Source: <http://www.wcax.com/story/14943512/essex-jct-gas-leak-may-be-larger-than-thought>

7. *June 18, Fosters Daily Democrat* – (New Hampshire) **Officials say much less fuel spilled than first thought: Estimate it was 600-1,000 gallons - Fosters.** Officials said June 17, an estimated 600 to 1,000 gallons of oil was spilled in the area of Sprague Energy plant River Road dock in Newington, New Hampshire, significantly less than originally believed. The spill was reported at about 11:30 p.m. June 16, and reports indicated it came from a half-inch pressure equalizing pipeline. Officials said the spray, of No. 6 fuel oil, went into the dock area, but was immediately secured. That type of oil is used to power plants and ship boilers and typically floats, according to the New Hampshire Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. The total capacity of the pipeline is 4,700 gallons; however, indications are the amount of oil that escaped was substantially less. The U.S. Coast Guard, the state department of environmental services, and local agencies were assisting with the cleanup.

Source:

[http://www.fosters.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20110618/GJNEWS\\_01/706189960/-1/FOSNEWS](http://www.fosters.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20110618/GJNEWS_01/706189960/-1/FOSNEWS)

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## Chemical Industry Sector

8. *June 21, WKYC 3 Cleveland* – (Ohio) **Mentor: I-90 eastbound lane, ramp back open.** The right lane and entrance ramp to I-90 eastbound between SR 306 and SR 615 in Mentor, Ohio, were back open to traffic in time for the June 21 rush hour after crews cleaned up from a June 20 fire on a tractor trailer carrying hundreds of cases of motor oil. The Mentor fire chief estimates between 4,000 and 5,000 gallons of motor oil, gear lube, and brake fluid spilled from the truck. A portion of the spill entered a culvert and ran into a pond on the westbound side of the interstate. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency was on hand for cleanup efforts, and was slated to return to the scene June 21. A cleanup crew was hired by the trucking company involved in the incident and it will remain on the scene until the area is clear. Crews used sand and other oil-absorbing materials to soak up the oil, and removed it from the roadway and disposed of it, before using a pressure washer to clean off the highway.

Source: <http://www.wkyc.com/news/article/194506/45/Mentor-One-I-90-eastbound-lane-ramp-closed-for-evening-rush-hour>

9. *June 21, KATU 2 Portland* – (Oregon) **Chemical spill closes section of Hwy 20.** A semitrailer overturned on Highway 20 east of Gates, Oregon, June 20, spilling chemicals that forced the closure of that section of the highway for about 4 hours. The driver of the truck reportedly lost control just before 2:30 p.m. near milepost 36 while trying to avoid some sort of object on the highway, state police said. The truck overturned on the shoulder and a carton of sodium hydroxide ruptured and spilled onto other chemical containers. That resulted in ammonia fumes. Officials decided to close that section of the highway until the wreckage and chemicals could be cleaned up. The truck was also carrying food and groceries. Oregon State Police are investigating.  
Source: <http://www.katu.com/news/local/124258654.html>
10. *June 20, Houston Chronicle* – (Texas) **OSHA finds 33 violations at Houston employer.** Federal inspectors have cited a Houston, Texas, employer for 33 alleged violations of health and safety standards, including exposing workers to hazardous chemicals. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) issued the citations against the Schumacher Co. of Texas after an inspection in January found employees at its chrome and nickel plating operation on Polk Street were not wearing personal protective gear. The agency has proposed penalties totaling \$166,500. The company and OSHA will begin a conference process to resolve the matter.  
Source: <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/business/7619269.html>

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

11. *June 21, Reuters* – (Nevada) **U.S. official says Yucca nuclear dump not an option.** A controversial Nevada site is not an option for storing toxic waste from nuclear power plants, a senior U.S. official said. “We do not see Yucca Mountain as a solution here,” the U.S. Deputy Energy Secretary said in an interview June 20. The world has struggled with what to do about nuclear waste for decades, but Japan’s nuclear disaster 3 months ago brought fresh attention to the dilemma as much of the waste is now stored in pools next to reactors. The plan to house atomic waste at Yucca was approved by the then-U.S. President in 2002, but it was opposed by people in Nevada who feared it could pollute water and hurt tourism. The U.S. President’s administration in 2010 asked the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to pull an application to license the dump, and named a panel of experts to look for other options. But this month, Republican lawmakers said the regulator had found the site suitable for storing nuclear waste, despite administration claims the location was unsafe.  
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/06/21/us-nuclear-safety-us-idUSTRE75K0PZ20110621>
12. *June 20, United Press International* – (International) **Israel sends nuclear waste to U.S.** Israel has returned hundreds of pounds of nuclear waste from its nuclear reactor in Nahal Sorek to the United States, Israeli officials said. The head of Israel’s Nuclear Energy Commission revealed the return of the material at the International Atomic

Energy Agency ministerial conference on nuclear safety June 20 in Vienna, Haaretz reported. The head of the commission did not specify the exact amount returned, but some estimates suggest Israel has sent back hundreds of pounds of 93 percent enriched uranium used to power the Sorek reactor, the newspaper said. The return took place under a special U.S. government program to prevent nuclear waste — which can be recycled and used to manufacture nuclear weapons — from falling into the hands of terrorist organizations, Haaretz reported. The Sorek research reactor is a 5-megawatt facility donated to Israel by the United States under a former U.S. President’s “Atoms for Peace” program, along with nuclear fuel to power it. The United States stopped supplying enriched uranium for the Sorek reactor as early as 1977 following a law passed by Congress and because Israel was not a signatory to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, Haaretz said.

Source: <http://gamutnews.com/20110620/31173/israel-sends-nuclear-waste-to-u-s.html>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

13. *June 20, WKRC 12 Cincinnati* – (Ohio) **Sulfuric acid leak leads to plant evacuation in Oakley.** A sulfuric acid leak led to evacuations at a plant in Oakley, Ohio, June 20. Fire crews were called to Cast-Fab Technologies on Forrer Street just before 7 p.m. Investigators said an employee was working on a 5,000 gallon tank that holds sulfuric acid when a pipe broke. Firefighters had to put on protective suits to go into the building. The district fire chief described the scene, “By the time they got in level A and got into the building, they had the leak plugged within 7 minutes. About 1,000 gallons of acid did leak out before we could complete the process.” Power was shut off to the building because sulfuric acid is flammable. Hazardous materials crews were able to patch the leak. Workers perform metal casting and fabrication processes at the plant.

Source: [http://www.local12.com/news/local/story/Sulfuric-Acid-Leak-Leads-To-Plant-Evacuation-in/AB\\_FLQkz9E-0WtWtJXPgig.csp](http://www.local12.com/news/local/story/Sulfuric-Acid-Leak-Leads-To-Plant-Evacuation-in/AB_FLQkz9E-0WtWtJXPgig.csp)

14. *June 20, AutoWeek* – (International) **Mazda to recall 400,000 vehicles globally for possible wiper defect.** More than 400,000 Mazda3 and MazdaSpeed3 vehicles worldwide were subject to recall by Mazda Motor Corp. after drivers reported defective windshield wiper motors. In documents posted June 20 on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s Web site, Mazda said it is recalling 103,300 vehicles in the United States manufactured between January 7 and November 28, 2008. The ground terminal of the wiper motor may have been accidentally bent as the cars were assembled, Mazda said in the documents. The flaw may cause the wipers to stop working, which could prove dangerous in inclement weather.

Source: <http://www.autoweek.com/article/20110620/CARNEWS/110629982>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

15. *June 21, BankInfoSecurity.com* – (International) **Debit breach hits Ohio accounts.** The recent breaches that affected dozens of Northeast Ohio banks and credit unions were most likely caused by the interception of CVV2 card security codes, a senior director of fraud product management at the Fair Isaac Corporation (FICO) said June 20. The fraudsters, using stolen debit details, hit accounts with fraudulent signature-based transactions used for online and over-the-phone purchases. Based on the number of organizations hit, tens of thousands of accounts may have been exposed. The affected banks include Keybank, Dollar Bank, Fifth Third, PNC, Huntington, Charter One, Ohio Savings, and FirstMerit. At least six credit unions also were reportedly hit. Fraudulent purchases, some of which neared \$4,000, at Walmart, AutoZone and CVS were reported. Other transactions were initiated overseas, including some in Germany and the Philippines. The Electronic Crimes Task Force, a unit of the U.S. Secret Service, is in charge of the investigation. The breach could also have been related to a phishing scheme, through which attackers gathered card information directly from consumers.  
Source: [http://www.bankinfosecurity.com/articles.php?art\\_id=3769](http://www.bankinfosecurity.com/articles.php?art_id=3769)
16. *June 21, Federal Trade Commission* – (National) **First Universal Lending: FTC stops bogus loan modification firm.** Under a settlement with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), a federal court banned three men and their company from the mortgage modification business, and ordered them to pay nearly \$19 million for consumer refunds. The defendants allegedly deceived distressed homeowners with phony claims they would negotiate with lenders to modify mortgages and make them more affordable, the FTC announced in a June 21 news release. The agency sued First Universal Lending and its owners in November 2009 as part of Project Stolen Hope, a federal-state crackdown on mortgage foreclosure rescue, and loan modification scams. As alleged in the FTC's complaint, the defendants encouraged homeowners to stop making mortgage payments, saying lenders would not negotiate unless they were at least a few months behind on payments. After charging up to \$7,000 in up-front fees, the defendants often did little or nothing to help consumers, the agency charged. The court subsequently halted the defendants' operation, froze their assets, and ordered them to disable their Web sites and computers. In addition to imposing a judgment of more than \$18.8 million against the defendants, the settlement order bans them from the mortgage relief services business.  
Source: <http://www.loansafe.org/first-universal-lending-ftc-stops-bogus-loan-modification-firm>
17. *June 21, Sarasota Herald Tribune* – (National) **Marian Morgan may change plea in Ponzi scheme case.** A Sarasota, Florida woman — whose e-mails to investors marked her as the ringleader in an alleged \$27 million Ponzi scheme — has asked for a June 22 hearing potentially to change her plea to guilty as a September trial date loomed. Last

month, the government filed a broader indictment, adding two defendants and saying all four conspired together, and raising the alleged amount stolen to \$27 million from \$10 million. Simultaneously with the new indictment, prosecutors obtained the cooperation of a newly named defendant, an Omaha promoter known mostly for oil and gas deals, who admitted to funneling about \$13 million to the so-called investment vehicle, Morgan European Holdings.

Source:

<http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20110621/BREAKING/110629921/2055/NEWS?p=all&tc=pgall>

18. *June 21, Florence Times Daily* – (Alabama) **Former bank VP arrested.** A former vice president at Farmers and Merchants Bank of Waterloo, Alabama was arraigned June 20 in federal court and accused of defrauding more than \$1.4 million from the bank during a 6-year period, based on court records. The man was charged with one count of bank fraud, and three counts of altering bank records, based on documents filed in the U.S. attorney’s office in Birmingham. The documents accuse the man of defrauding the bank of \$1.406 million between March 2004 and August 2010. FBI agents investigated the allegations after possible loan problems were discovered as bank officials prepared for an audit by state banking examiners. Documents show some customers reported that loans in their name were made without their knowledge, and the accused former vice president orchestrated the scheme. He is accused of approving loans to several bank customers and later changing names of the borrowers to other customers who never asked for the money. Court documents state the man changed names in an effort to hide nonpayment on the loans.

Source:

<http://www.timesdaily.com/article/20110621/NEWS/110629981?Title=Former-bank-VP-arrested>

19. *June 20, ABC News* – (International) **Iran scam to evade terror sanctions busted, NYC official says.** Eleven companies, including Iran’s state-sponsored shipping line, were indicted in New York City June 20 for allegedly conspiring to evade U.S. sanctions on trade with Iran by duping major U.S. banks in order to funnel more than \$60 million through the Manhattan banks. The conspiracy indictment seeks to enforce a U.S. ban on trading with Iran that was imposed because the country harbors terrorists and participates in the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. Iran’s national shipping company is alleged to play a key logistical role in that nation’s ballistic missile program as well as to serve as a conduit for supplying weapons to terrorist organizations. The Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines (IRISL), its regional offices, and affiliates as well as five individuals were charged in the 319-count indictment with using corporate shells and aliases to “exploit the services of financial institutions located in Manhattan,” the district attorney said. According to the indictment, the state-sponsored shipping company allegedly sent or received scores of illegal payments through Manhattan banks by using alias names and corporate alter egos in Singapore, the United Arab Emirates, and the United Kingdom. Among the banks whose security measures were circumvented in the alleged conspiracy were JP Morgan Chase, Standard Chartered Bank, Bank of New York Mellon Corp, HSBC, Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, Bank of America, Citibank, and Wachovia

(now Wells Fargo), the indictment said.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/Blotter/iran-scam-evade-terror-sanctions-busted-nyc-official/story?id=13885218&singlePage=true>

20. *June 20, Associated Press* – (National) **Finance researcher convicted in trade fraud.** A finance researcher who prosecutors said used code words like “recipes,” “cooks,” and “sugar” to disguise an insider trading scheme was convicted of wire fraud June 20 in federal court. She also was convicted of conspiracy to commit securities fraud and wire fraud in one of the first trials to result from a government crackdown of Wall Street middlemen suspected of peddling inside information as if it were legitimate research. The 43-year-old Fremont, California woman was among 13 people arrested last year on charges she conspired to accept cash and gifts to feed inside information to hedge funds. Most of the other defendants have pleaded guilty. The investigation into Primary Global Research grew out of what prosecutors have called the largest hedge fund insider trading case in history. The main defendant in that case, a one-time billionaire, is awaiting sentencing after being convicted last month for fraud associated with his Galleon Group of hedge funds.

Source: <http://online.wsj.com/article/APabb11edd14e541cbbb252e26cf1d8bd7.html>

21. *June 20, WISH 8 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **Indianapolis man charged in string of bank robberies.** An Indianapolis, Indiana man was charged June 20 in connection with a string of bank robberies. The U.S. attorney’s office said the 45-year-old man was involved in thefts at eight Indianapolis banks. The FBI was involved in the investigation, along with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, and the Marion County Sheriff’s Department. If convicted, the suspect could face up to a maximum of 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine on each of the eight counts of bank robbery.

Source: [http://www.wishtv.com/dpp/news/local/marion\\_county/indianapolis-man-charged-in-string-of-bank-robberies](http://www.wishtv.com/dpp/news/local/marion_county/indianapolis-man-charged-in-string-of-bank-robberies)

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## **Transportation Sector**

22. *June 21, CNN* – (International) **Minister cites likely pilot error in Russian plane crash that kills 44.** Officials are searching for answers after a Russian jetliner made a premature descent and burst into flames in the country’s northwest, killing 44 people and injuring 8 others June 21. “I do not want to prejudge the investigation and all that, but preliminary information suggests an obvious pilot error in poor weather conditions,” the Russian Deputy Prime Minister said, according to the state-run RIA-Novosti news service. Investigators recovered the flight data recorder and cockpit voice recorder from the site of the crash, the investigative committee probing the crash said. The cause of the premature descent will be investigated by the Inter-State Aviation Committee, and the so-called black boxes will be recovered and sent to Moscow for deciphering, the Russian deputy transport minister said on Russian state tv. The dead included 36 Russians, 4 people with joint U.S.-Russian citizenship, a Swede, a Dutchman, and 2 Ukrainians, according to the transport ministry. Of the injured, five

are in critical condition, regional authorities in Petrozavodsk said. Some of the injured were to be transported to Moscow for treatment. The jet with 43 passengers and a crew of 9 took off at night June 20 from Moscow for Petrozavodsk, about 600 miles to the north. Controllers lost contact with the twin-engine Tupolev-134 about 11:40 p.m., and it crashed onto a highway outside Besovets, near the Petrozavodsk airport, the ministry reported.

Source:

[http://www.cnn.com/2011/WORLD/europe/06/21/russia.plane.crash/index.html?hpt=hp\\_t2](http://www.cnn.com/2011/WORLD/europe/06/21/russia.plane.crash/index.html?hpt=hp_t2)

23. *June 21, Atlanta Journal-Constitution* – (Georgia) **Engine problem forces L.A.-bound Delta flight back to ATL.** Several passengers on a Delta Air Lines flight to Los Angeles, California were injured evacuating the plane overnight June 20 after an engine problem forced the Boeing 757 to return to Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport in Atlanta, Georgia for an emergency landing. The plane, Flight 1323, took off at 11:51 p.m. June 20 and returned minutes later. “The cockpit crew elected to return back to Atlanta for mechanical evaluation,” a Delta spokeswoman said. “The flight landed safely and emergency vehicles assisted the aircraft once it was on the ground.” She said 3 of the 174 passengers suffered minor injuries, apparently while they were going down the plane’s evacuation slides. The passengers were bused to the terminal. The spokeswoman did not elaborate on the nature of the engine problem, and Delta has not confirmed media reports in Atlanta and Los Angeles that an engine caught fire.

Source: [http://www.ajc.com/business/engine-problem-forces-l-982895.html?cxttype=rss\\_business\\_87628](http://www.ajc.com/business/engine-problem-forces-l-982895.html?cxttype=rss_business_87628)

24. *June 21, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **Chicago Transit Authority to speed up security camera installation.** Responding to a spree of crimes that has spooked the public, authorities in Chicago, Illinois, announced June 21 that there will soon be many more eyes — police officers and surveillance cameras — focused across the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) system. Technology will play a leading role in the accelerated pace of security measures on the CTA’s eight rail lines, officials said. A faster deployment of high-resolution digital video cameras capable of recording even faint facial features from a distance and transmitting the images in real-time to the CTA command center and to police will be used to help deter crime and prosecute pickpockets, robbers and other criminals, officials said. They declined to provide a full list of station installations, saying they did not want to tip off criminals regarding stations that do not have extensive camera coverage yet. Crime, particularly thefts and robberies, has increased in 2011 on the CTA, authorities said.

Source: <http://www.securityinfowatch.com/node/1321346>

25. *June 20, WPDE 15 Florence* – (South Carolina) **Two men killed in Chesterfield County train accident.** The Chesterfield, South Carolina County coroner identified two people killed in an accident involving an Amtrak train as a, 52-year-old man, and a 56-year-old man. The Amtrak train, carrying 244 passengers, collided with their pickup truck in Chesterfield County June 20. The Cheraw police chief said the accident happened at 7:21 a.m. on East Market Street in Cheraw. The police chief said the men worked for the City of Cheraw as maintenance workers. He said they were driving a

city bucket truck, picking up leaves and limbs from a storm. Amtrak said the train left Miami, Florida June 19 headed to New York. No one on the train was hurt. Passengers did have to wait on the train until just before 2 p.m. when it was allowed to continue on to New York. Investigators said they still are not sure who was driving the truck.  
Source: [http://www.carolinalive.com/news/story.aspx?id=631629&hpt=us\\_bn5](http://www.carolinalive.com/news/story.aspx?id=631629&hpt=us_bn5)

26. *June 20, WNCT 9 Greenville* – (North Carolina) **Late night storms leave scattered damage across the east.** Overnight storms left behind a path of destruction in Carteret County, North Carolina, and other parts of the east. On June 20, people in Carteret County spent the day cleaning after high winds ripped an 80-foot yacht from its moorings and caused extensive damage at a local airport. Several boats at the marina capsized in the storm. The storm also hit the Michael J. Smith Field Airport in Beaufort. About a half-dozen hangars were damaged because by the storm.  
Source: <http://www2.wnct.com/weather/2011/jun/20/15/late-night-storms-leave-scattered-damage-across-ea-ar-1137411/>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

27. *June 20, Associated Press* – (Massachusetts) **Mass. man sentenced for ricin, prosecutor threat.** A former Agawam, Massachusetts man has been sentenced to 15 years in federal prison for illegally possessing the toxin ricin, and threatening a prosecutor. The man pleaded guilty to the charges in March. He has been in federal custody since 2004, when he was arrested on charges of using the mail to transport a firearm. Agents who searched his apartment discovered what appeared to be a weapons lab along with castor and abrus seeds — the sources of ricin and abrin poisons. Prosecutors said he later sent a letter to an assistant U.S. attorney in which he invoked the name of the Oklahoma City bomber. A U.S. district court judge sentenced the 57-year-old man June 20 to the maximum 15 years in prison, followed by 3 years supervised released.  
Source: <http://www.ctpost.com/news/article/Mass-man-sentenced-for-ricin-prosecutor-threat-1432530.php>

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

28. *June 21, msnbc.com, Reuters, and Associated Press* – (International) **Experts: Seas heading for mass extinctions.** Mass extinctions of species in the world's oceans are inevitable if current trends of overfishing, habitat loss, global warming, and pollution continue, a panel of renowned marine scientists warned June 21. The combination of problems suggests there's a brewing worldwide die-off of species that would rival past mass extinctions, the 27 scientists said in a preliminary report presented to the United Nations. Vanishing species — from sea turtles to coral — would upend the ocean's

ecosystem. Fish are the main source of protein for a fifth of the world's population, and the seas cycle oxygen and help absorb carbon dioxide, the main greenhouse gas from human activities. "Things seem to be going wrong on several different levels," said the director of global marine programs at the International Union for Conservation of Nature, which helped produce the report with the International Program on the State of the Ocean. Some of the changes affecting the world's seas — which have been warned about individually in the past — are happening faster than the worst case scenarios that were predicted just a few years ago, the report said.

Source: [http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/43479398/ns/world\\_news-world\\_environment](http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/43479398/ns/world_news-world_environment)

29. *June 20, Bay News 9 St. Petersburg* – (Florida) **See you later alligator: 17 gators escape from farm.** Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) officials said 17 alligators escaped from a Hernando, Florida, alligator farm by digging under a fence. Nine have been accounted for, but eight are still missing. FWC officials said the alligator owner has a permit. They conducted an inspection of the farm in February and everything checked out. FWC officials said the case is still under investigation, and that neighborhood residents should be on the lookout. The alligator owner has been cited for maintaining wildlife in an unsafe or unsanitary condition. The second-degree misdemeanor is punishable by a fine of up to \$500, or up to 60 days in jail.

Source: [http://www.baynews9.com/article/news/2011/june/266172/See-you-later-alligator:-17-gators-escape-from-farm?hpt=us\\_bn5](http://www.baynews9.com/article/news/2011/june/266172/See-you-later-alligator:-17-gators-escape-from-farm?hpt=us_bn5)

30. *June 17, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **Firefighters extinguish blaze at Cargill meat plant in Ottumwa.** Officials said a fire at the Cargill Meat Solutions plant in Ottumwa, Iowa, was started by welders using blow torches to remove old equipment. Firefighters responded to the fire June 16. The Ottumwa Courier said crews had the fire out and left the facility 2 hours later. The plant manager said the plant had completely redone the rendering operation area and welders were cutting away older equipment when the fire started. The Courier did not report any injuries or damage.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/95197a1dd3b24406bc22115f444aaf12/IA--Cargill-Fire/>

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## **Water Sector**

31. *June 21, KXAN 36 Austin* – (Texas) **Llano now in Stage 4 water restrictions.** City officials of Llano, Texas, 75 miles west of Austin, moved to Stage 4 water restrictions June 20. The city's sole source of drinking water, the Llano River is about to run dry. The restrictions mean no outdoor watering at all — no lawn sprinklers, landscaping, filling of pools, even washing cars. The town's 3,200 residents experienced Stage 3 restrictions the week of June 6. Llano has 60 to 90 days of untreated water stored behind two dams, but with the water so low, the water might be too cloudy or algae-filled to treat for drinking. When those supplies are gone, the city may be forced to dig

wells or truck in water.

Source: <http://www.kxan.com/dpp/news/local/Llano-now-in-Stage-4-water-restrictions>

32. *June 21, Springfield State Journal-Register* – (Illinois) **Jacksonville water plant still without power.** City officials of Jacksonville, Illinois, said June 20 that progress has been made at the water treatment plant after heavy rains that began June 17 resulted in flooding, submerging the plant in about 4 feet of water. Floodwaters have receded, but the facility is still without power, and new issues could arise as the cleanup proceeds. Currently, the city continues to pump water directly from the Illinois River into two water towers. The water is not treated for drinking, but can be used for household activities, city officials said. A boil order for the city and surrounding communities that purchase water from Jacksonville will remain in effect indefinitely.  
Source: <http://www.sj-r.com/top-stories/x1260737734/Jacksonville-water-plant-still-without-power>
33. *June 20, Lakeland Ledger* – (Florida) **Washout closes northbound Bartow Road near Combee Road.** A water line blowout on U.S. 98 at Combee Road in Lakeland, Florida, slowed northbound traffic June 20, and will not be repaired until at least June 22. The underground pipe burst about 2:30 a.m., leaving a 20-foot crater and thousands of gallons of water rushing out, Lakeland city workers said. A supervisor with Water Distribution Construction said a cap had come out of a coupling, but officials are unsure of how it happened. A release said the 12-inch-wide pipe fed lines for drinking water and hydrants, among other things.  
Source:  
<http://www.theledger.com/article/20110620/NEWS/110629996?Title=Washout-Closes-Northbound-Bartow-Road-Near-Combee-Road&tc=ar>
34. *June 20, Marysville Appeal-Democrat* – (California) **Copper thieves hit Yuba County pumping station.** Copper-wire thieves caused a predicted \$40,000 to \$50,000 worth of damage to a pumping station in Yuba County, California, around 4 a.m. June 20. This is the second time in 2 months Reclamation District 784 has had such vandalism. According to the district general manager, thieves broke several locks and chains, cut a line for lighting and an alarm system at the station, then tore apart a transfer switch and used some kind of vehicle to strip out copper wire from a station near where the Bear and Feather rivers meet. A neighbor reported seeing a small explosion at the station, possibly from a severed line, and a vehicle leaving the area quickly. The damage is covered by insurance, but the district will have to pay a \$1,000 deductible, which will come out of its general operating fund. The thieves also knocked the pumping station out of commission, leaving the district unable to pump water out of a nearby canal and into the rivers. Because relatively little water is flowing through, gravity will be sufficient to empty it until the station can be fixed.  
Source: <http://www.appeal-democrat.com/news/station-107753-copper-district.html>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

35. *June 21, WITI 6 Milwaukee* – (Wisconsin) **Milwaukee pain doctor surrenders medical license.** A notorious Milwaukee, Wisconsin pain doctor is surrendering his medical license nearly 3 years after a WITI 6 Milwaukee investigation exposed his cash-for-pills clinic. The doctor has been suspended by the Wisconsin State Medical Board since December 2008. The suspension followed a WITI 6 Milwaukee investigation of his Riverwest clinic. It was a cash-for-pills pain clinic linked to drug dealers and a string of patient deaths. After the TV station connected the doctor and his former partner, to as many as 16 patient deaths, the FBI raided the clinic in early 2009, and the medical board started the process of revoking his license. But he stalled the revocation process by waging a 2-year legal battle over a state report that declared him to be incompetent and dangerous. He lost the battle, and earlier this year, the report was released, clearing the way for the medical board to use it against him. On June 6, the doctor voluntarily surrendered his medical license. He still faces two malpractice lawsuits in Ozaukee and Waukesha Counties. A source said the FBI investigation is still ongoing.  
Source: <http://www.fox6now.com/news/witi-wetzler-license-drug-doc-20110621,0,3964414.story>
36. *June 20, Orlando Sentinel* – (Florida) **Florida Hospital Kissimmee off lockdown after gun threat.** Florida Hospital Kissimmee reopened June 20 after a brief lockdown caused by a gun threat. A patient, told hospital officials his girlfriend had threatened to go to the hospital and shoot him, authorities said. When officials determined no one was in danger, they reopened the building, a hospital spokeswoman said. As a precaution, the hospital temporarily stopped letting people in and was diverting ambulances to other hospitals, emergency workers said.  
Source: <http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/breakingnews/os-kissimmee-hospital-lockdown-20110620,0,2142018.story>
37. *June 20, Associated Press* – (International) **UN: Cancer, diabetes kill millions, cost trillions globally.** Nearly two-thirds of deaths in the world are caused by noncommunicable diseases such as cancer, diabetes, and heart and lung disease which are rapidly increasing at a cost to the global economy of trillions of dollars, according to U.N. estimates, and preliminary results of a new study. The secretary-general said in a report circulated June 20 that while the international community has focused on communicable diseases such as HIV/AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis, the four main noncommunicable diseases “have emerged relatively unnoticed in the developing world and are now becoming a global epidemic.” According to the report, 36 million people died from noncommunicable diseases in 2008, representing 63 percent of the 57 million global deaths that year. Nearly 80 percent of deaths from these diseases were in the developing world, and 9 million deaths were of men and women under the age of 60, it said. In 2030, the report said, these diseases are projected to claim the lives of 52 million people. Both the human and economic burden of noncommunicable diseases can be contained, he said, by devoting resources directly or indirectly to prevention, screening, and treatment throughout the world.  
Source: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/43473027/ns/health-diabetes/>

38. *June 20, KECY 9 Yuma* – (Texas) **Health care company owner pleads guilty to defrauding Medicare.** An owner of a Houston, Texas health care company pleaded guilty June 20 in connection with a \$654,227 Medicare fraud scheme, the Departments of Justice and Health and Human Services (HHS) announced. The owner pleaded guilty before a U.S. district judge in Houston to one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud. In her plea, she admitted she defrauded Medicare out of \$654,227. According to court documents, the convict was an owner and operator of Preferred Plus Medical Supply. Preferred maintained a valid Medicare provider number to submit Medicare claims for the costs of durable medical equipment (DME) and purported to provide orthotics and other DME to Medicare beneficiaries. Court documents indicated Preferred submitted claims to Medicare for DME, including orthotic devices, which were medically unnecessary and/or not provided. In total, from August through December 2008, Preferred submitted about \$654,227 in fraudulent claims to Medicare. At sentencing, scheduled for October 12, the convict faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison.

Source:

[http://imperialvalleynews.com/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=10635&Itemid=2](http://imperialvalleynews.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=10635&Itemid=2)

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

39. *June 21, New Brunswick Daily Gleaner* – (International) **U.S. soldiers injured in crash at base.** A bus full of American soldiers rolled over at Canadian Forces Base Gagetown in New Brunswick, Canada, June 20, resulting in 16 injuries but none were reported to be serious. The soldiers are from the 251st Engineer Company of the Maine National Guard, which is at the base for a training exercise. “Our emergency teams responded (and) promptly transferred all the injured personnel to appropriate medical care at Oromocto hospital and Fredericton hospital. Everybody has since been assessed and released. Some of the soldiers are on light duties now,” a public affairs officer at the military base said. He said the military is not releasing information on the cause of the accident.

Source: <http://dailygleaner.canadaeast.com/cityregion/article/1416918>

40. *June 20, Alexandria Town Talk* – (Louisiana) **Catahoula Parish Courthouse suffers water damage from burst pipe.** The Catahoula Parish Courthouse in Louisiana was damaged by water from a burst pipe. The president of the Catahoula Parish police jury said the pipe burst around 3:15 p.m. June 18, flooding the third floor of the courthouse. The water then seeped down to the courtroom on the second floor, destroying the ceiling and carpet in the recently renovated room, and eventually made its way into offices and storage rooms on the first floor. “Water was like 3 to 4 inches deep when I got here on Saturday,” the police jury president said. Parts of the courthouse were OK. The Catahoula Parish Sheriff’s Office and the parish jail, located in the basement of the building, did not suffer damage. Neither did a first-floor wing containing the police jury, tax assessor, and clerk of court offices.

Source:

<http://www.thetowntalk.com/article/20110620/NEWS01/110620005/Catahoula-Parish-Courthouse-suffers-water-damage-from-burst-pipe>

41. *June 20, Hillsboro Argus* – (Oregon) **Citizen discovers pipe bomb; transports device to city hall.** No one was injured June 17 when a North Plains, Oregon resident found a device that appeared to be a pipe bomb in the parking lot of a local church and transported the device to city hall. At about 2 p.m., the citizen brought the device into city hall. It was then placed in the city hall parking lot and police were called, the city manager said. The North Plains police chief determined the device could be a bomb and the Portland Police Bomb Squad was called. The parking lot was blocked off, and the public and city employees were kept away from the area. The bomb squad arrived and determined the device was made of match heads and a gun powder-type substance. Police placed the device in a metal box and removed it from the parking lot. No one was in danger during the incident.

Source:

[http://www.oregonlive.com/argus/index.ssf/2011/06/citizen\\_discovers\\_pipe\\_bomb\\_tr.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/argus/index.ssf/2011/06/citizen_discovers_pipe_bomb_tr.html)

42. *June 20, Cliffview Pilot* – (International) **Men admit roles in Asian ID theft ring that made millions.** Two men admitted their roles in a sophisticated identity theft ring, based in Palisades Park, New Jersey that made millions of dollars by distributing counterfeit Social Security cards, driver's licenses, and passports for Asian immigrants in exchange for hefty fees. Crew members used the money and credit to buy alcohol, designer clothing, and other merchandise that was easy to sell on the black market or to lease pricey cars — by Lexus and Mercedes, among others — that they then sold after making only one payment, the government said. The pleas June 20 came after a Cliffside Park man admitted his involvement in May. A 50-year-old man pleaded guilty in U.S. district court in Newark to aggravated identity theft, conspiracy to commit wire fraud, and unlawfully producing an identification document. A 67-year-old man pleaded guilty to similar charges. The men will be sentenced later in 2011.

Source: <http://www.cliffviewpilot.com/bergen/2489-men-admit-roles-in-asian-id-theft-ring-that-made-millions->

43. *June 19, NewJerseyNewsroom.com* – (Virginia) **Suspected Pentagon bomber Yonathan Melaku continues to be investigated.** The man taken into custody early June 17 near the Pentagon is a U.S. Marine reservist and a naturalized U.S. citizen originally from Ethiopia who resides in Alexandria, Virginia. Initially, media reports stated suspicious items were found in the man's vehicle, parked in bushes near the north parking lot at the Pentagon. Anonymous officials said he was carrying a backpack containing "inert" items. Fox News reported investigators found 20 spent 9mm shell casings. According to ABC News, sources said the suspect's backpack contained an unspecified amount of what may have been ammonium nitrate. Ammonium nitrate is a chemical compound widely used in fertilizers, but with the right ingredients, it can be used in explosives. Investigators, accompanied by bomb-sniffing dogs, searched the suspect's home. Later in the day, agents in white protective suits were seen removing items from the residence, the New York Post reported.

Source: <http://www.newjerseynewsroom.com/nation/suspected-pentagon-bomber-yonathan-melaku-continues-to-be-investigated-update>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

44. *June 20, Albany Times Union* – (New York) **Police: Man dragged corrections officer with car.** Police are looking for a man they said gave an inmate heroin and then dragged a corrections officer through the parking lot of the Albany County Correctional Facility in Albany, New York. The Albany County Sheriff’s Office said the man fled in a silver Volvo station wagon after he dragged the officer a short distance with his vehicle before he fell to the ground and struck a curb. The sheriff’s office said the officer believed the man smuggled heroin to the inmate during his visit. In a post-visit search, the inmate, incarcerated on a probation violation, had a small quantity of the drug on her, police said. The sheriff’s office said the man took off in his car when the officer approached him in the parking lot and attempted to question him. The corrections officer held onto the car by the open driver’s side window for several seconds, yelling “Stop!” before she let go and fell to the ground, the sheriff’s office said. The officer was taken to Albany Medical Center and treated for multiple bruises and a possible rib fracture.

Source: <http://blog.timesunion.com/crime/police-man-dragged-corrections-officer-with-car/8504/>

45. *June 20, WSMV 4 Nashville* – (Tennessee) **Deputies arrest driver of stolen ambulance.** Rutherford County, Tennessee deputies arrested a North Carolina man weaving from lane to lane in a stolen ambulance June 19 after he exited off Interstate 24, the sheriff’s office reported. The driver was charged with theft of an ambulance owned by Med-Stat of Manchester, a corporal said. The ambulance was stolen from Middle Tennessee Medical Center in Murfreesboro. It was valued at \$120,000. Murfreesboro police reported the suspect was at the medical center when he allegedly stole the ambulance. He was taken to a local hospital before being booked into jail, and was also charged with evading arrest. He was released on \$20,000 bond. A hearing is set for July 20 in general sessions court.

Source: <http://www.wsmv.com/story/14941443/deputies-arrest-driver-of-stolen-ambulance>

46. *June 20, Evanston Patch* – (Illinois) **Nineteen year old man charge in ‘explosive device’ case.** A 19-year-old Chicago, Illinois man has been charged with one felony count of possession of an unregistered destructive device in connection with the explosive device that was found June 18 at the Evanston, Illinois police outpost on Howard Street. The man was taken into custody June 18 as a person of interest regarding the case, and charged in the U.S. district court in Chicago June 20. Police said he appeared to have acted alone. Police discovered the device in the back of the building after receiving a tip that there had been an explosive planted at the outpost.

The device was made inoperable by bomb squad technicians and the Chicago Fusion Center was notified, police said.

Source: <http://evanston.patch.com/articles/nineteen-year-old-man-charged-in-explosive-device-case>

47. *June 20, Associated Press* – (Hawaii) **Suspect in Oahu sex assault posed as FBI agent.** Honolulu, Hawaii police are asking for help in searching for a man who allegedly posed as an FBI agent and sexually assaulted a woman. Police said June 20 the man knocked on the door of the woman’s apartment May 30 and identified himself as an FBI agent. He told her she was under arrest and took her behind the apartment complex where he sexually assaulted her. The suspect faces charges of third-degree sexual assault, kidnapping, and second-degree impersonating a law enforcement officer.

Source: <http://www.westport-news.com/news/article/Suspect-in-Oahu-sex-assault-posed-as-FBI-agent-1432553.php>

48. *June 20, Associated Press* – (Connecticut) **Hackers claim attack on FBI partner in Conn.** Internet hackers said June 19 they have compromised the security of more than 1,000 accounts at a Connecticut-based FBI partner organization. The online hacking collective Lulz Security said it attacked a local section of InfraGard, a partnership between the FBI and the private sector to share security information. Connecticut InfraGard’s Web site was down June 20. A FBI spokeswoman in Washington D.C. said the agency was aware of the attack, and that the Web site was shut down as a precaution. She declined to comment on the extent of any damage. Lulz claimed responsibility for the breach in a Twitter posting the night of June 19.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9NVQHS01.htm>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

49. *June 21, Associated Press* – (International) **UK police make arrest in hacking attacks.** A 19-year-old man was arrested June 20 in Wickford, England, on suspicion of hacking attacks on Sony and the CIA Web site, British police said June 21. The Metropolitan Police said the arrest took place following a joint operation by its Internet crimes unit and the FBI. Police would not say if the suspect was tied to the Lulz Security hacking collective, which has claimed responsibility for recent high-profile attacks, but did confirm that a computer seized in the operation will be examined for Sony data. Lulz had boasted of successfully hacking Sony in addition to subsequent attacks on the CIA Web page and the U.S. Senate computer system. The hackers recently called for “war” on governments that control the Internet. The teenager was taken to a central London police station for questioning, police said. Officers are conducting forensic examinations on “a significant amount of material” found in the search of a home following the arrest.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gfsex1AN6xkwlkauBQivxe8GgBrQ?docId=06f3b7c8416e43f2888dbc30b0cad1bd>

50. *June 21, IDG News Service* – (International) **Dropbox left document storage accounts open for four hours.** Online storage service Dropbox accidentally turned off password authentication for its 25 million users for 4 hours June 20 — although much less than 1 percent of those accounts were accessed during the period, the company said. It is still investigating whether any of those accounts were improperly accessed. Dropbox’s CTO wrote that the company introduced a code change at 1:54 p.m. PST that caused a problem in the authentication mechanism. About 4 hours later, the problem was discovered, and Dropbox killed all of the sessions of those who were logged in at the time. A fix was introduced at 5:46 p.m. PST, the CTO said.  
Source: [http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9217799/Dropbox\\_left\\_document\\_storage\\_accounts\\_open\\_for\\_four\\_hours](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9217799/Dropbox_left_document_storage_accounts_open_for_four_hours)
51. *June 21, H Security* – (International) **Firefox and Thunderbird updates patch security holes.** The Mozilla Project has published updates for Firefox and Thunderbird to fix several bugs and other critical issues found in previous versions. The latest Firefox 5 rapid release update addresses a total of eight security vulnerabilities, five of which are rated as “Critical” by Mozilla. Previous versions of the browser (up to and including 4.0.1) contained a bug in a JavaScript Array object that could result in an integer overflow and the execution of malicious code, as well as a crash on multipart/x-mixed-replace images due to memory corruption. A number of critical memory safety hazards in the browser engine have been fixed. The update to the 3.6.x branch of Firefox, version 3.6.18, fixes nearly 20 bugs. These include four of the critical security holes noted above, as well as another critical issue related to multiple dangling pointer problems, and a cookie isolation error. As Thunderbird 3.1.x is based on the same Gecko browser engine as Firefox 3.6.x, the 3.1.11 update addresses most, if not all of the vulnerabilities fixed in Firefox 3.6.18.  
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Firefox-and-Thunderbird-updates-patch-security-holes-1264744.html>
52. *June 21, threatpost* – (International) **Android NFC bug could be first of many.** Google is working on a fix for a newly discovered vulnerability affecting Nexus S Android phones that could cause applications on the phone to crash using incorrectly formatted Near Field Communications (NFC) transactions. The issue could result in denial of service attacks on Nexus S applications. It is one of the first publicly disclosed vulnerabilities concerning the NFC features of the Nexus S, and could be the first of many related to NFC — a powerful communications protocol that phone makers, carriers, and merchants hope to use for everything from mobile phone payments to information kiosks, experts warn. The vulnerability was among a handful discovered by a student at the Technische Universitaet Berlin and a well-known researcher on mobile device security. He said the vulnerability was one that could allow a malicious NFC tag to send incorrect information to a Nexus S phone. For example: a rogue or misconfigured smart tag could request a memory allocation from a NFC-enabled phone that is in excess of the amount of memory on the phone itself. That

could cause the NFC service on Nexus S phones to crash unexpectedly, he said.

Source: [http://threatpost.com/en\\_us/blogs/android-nfc-bug-could-be-first-many-062111](http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/android-nfc-bug-could-be-first-many-062111)

53. *June 20, IDG News Service* – (International) **Researchers: Amazon cloud users leave security holes.** Researchers in Germany have found security problems within Amazon’s cloud-computing services due to its customers ignoring or forgetting published security tips. Amazon offers computing power and storage using its infrastructure via its Web services division. The platform allows people to quickly roll out services and upgrade or downgrade according to their needs. A postdoctoral researcher in the System Security Lab of Technische Universitat Darmstadt, said June 20 Amazon’s Web Services is so easy to use that a lot of people create virtual machines without following the security guidelines. In what they termed was the most critical discovery, the researchers found the private keys used to authenticate with services such as the Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2) or the Simple Storage Service (S3) were publicly published in Amazon Machine Images (AMIs), which are pre-configured operating systems and application software used to create virtual machines. The keys should not be there. “They [Customers] just forgot to remove their API keys from machines before publishing,” the researcher said. The consequences could be expensive: With those keys, an interloper could start up services on EC2 or S3 and create “virtual infrastructure worth several thousands of dollars per day at the expense of the key holder,” according to the researchers. They looked at 1,100 AMIs and found another common problem: One-third of those AMIs contained SSH (Secure Shell) host keys or user keys.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9217783/Researchers\\_Amazon\\_cloud\\_users\\_leave\\_security\\_holes](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9217783/Researchers_Amazon_cloud_users_leave_security_holes)

54. *June 20, CSO* – (International) **Mesh networks may make SQL injection attacks more persistent.** Massive Web site compromises using a technique known as structured query language (SQL) injection has long been a top security concern for Web developers and site owners. Now, the attacks may become harder to detect and prevent, according to one security firm’s analysis. Web security firm Armorize announced it detected a new type of mass SQL injection attack that uses a simple form of peer-to-peer networking to make the compromised network hard to take down. Historically, mass Web attacks are simple: Code written in the SQL is sent to the back-end Web database using a vulnerability in the site’s code. When the security flaw is in a common application, the attack can compromise thousands of sites at the same time. In the latest version of the attack, rather than injecting sites with a single static script that points visitor browsers to a handful of malicious download sites, the attackers create a dynamic script that sends visitors to a previously compromised Web server. The new technique makes blacklisting much harder, according to Armorize’s president and chief technology officer.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9217802/Mesh\\_networks\\_may\\_make\\_SQL\\_injection\\_attacks\\_more\\_persistent](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9217802/Mesh_networks_may_make_SQL_injection_attacks_more_persistent)

55. *June 17, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement* – (Texas; International) **Wichita Falls, Texas, man, pleads guilty in federal court to copyright infringement of computer software.** A man from Wichita Falls, Texas, pleaded guilty June 16 before a U.S. magistrate judge to one count of copyright infringement, a U.S. attorney from the Northern District of Texas announced. The man, who is presently in federal custody, faces a maximum statutory sentence of 5 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. Also, he could be ordered to pay restitution. Sentencing is scheduled for October 25. According to documents filed in the case, from June 8, 2006 through April 9, 2007, the convict infringed the copyrighted works of Adobe Systems Inc. by reproducing copies of software for his financial gain. The investigation revealed the man owned and operated various Web sites, including Amerisoftware.com, Costfriendlysoftware.net, TechKappa.com, Ultrabackup.net, Superbuysoftware.net, and Go-E-Soft.com. These sites, which he advertised online, offered “backup” copies of software, owned by Adobe, Microsoft, and Autodesk Inc., for sale at about one-fifth of the manufacturer’s retail value. The man also provided counterfeit product registration codes (serial numbers) that were distributed with the software so that the customer could install the software.

Source: <http://www.ice.gov/news/releases/1106/110617wichitafalls.htm>

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### Internet Alert Dashboard

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

Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <https://www.it-isac.org>

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## Communications Sector

56. *June 21, Omaha World-Herald* – (Iowa; Nebraska) **Flooding affects cell towers.** Flooding along the Missouri River has prompted AT&T and Sprint Nextel to take a number of cellular towers along the Nebraska-Iowa border offline June 20. Sprint and AT&T eliminated power and service to 12 sites in flooded areas along Interstate 29. Flood levels would damage equipment, including radio and satellite facilities, and the electronics that are stored underground beneath each tower. Sprint built a sandbag fortress and plugged pipes around one of its Omaha, Nebraska wire line switches that powers some of its business land-line customers in the Omaha metropolitan area, and AT&T erected two temporary cell sites in areas not affected by flooding. Two areas affected most by the AT&T outages are I-29 between Pacific Junction, Iowa, and Nebraska City, Nebraska and a patch between Little Sioux and Missouri Valley in Iowa.

Source: <http://www.omaha.com/article/20110621/MONEY/706219953>

57. *June 21, InformationWeek* – (International) **Network Solutions suffers DDoS attack.** Network Solutions apparently began suffering a distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack June 20 that left its customers unable to access DNS servers, hosted Web sites, servers, or e-mail accounts. Reports of outages began appearing late June 20, and by June 21 the company was blaming a DDoS attack. “Some customers may see interruptions caused by a ddos distributed denial of service attack. Our network folks are working on it,” said multiple posts to the Network Solutions Twitter feed the morning of June 21. In a direct response to a customer query June 21, another Network Solutions Twitter message said, “We are dealing with external factors. Your sites are up but dados preventing ppl from reaching. Them”— suggesting a chaotic environment in the support center, as well as the continuing persistence of the DDoS (apparently mistyped as “Dados”) attack. “Network Solutions indicated to us that they had a major DoS attack, which crippled their system, and anyone who has a domain name registered with them,” said the president and CEO and Hospitality Consultants. “The result was that no access to servers or domains was possible for several hours,” beginning at about 6:30 a.m. June 21, EST.  
Source: <http://www.informationweek.com/news/security/attacks/231000095>
58. *June 20, IDG News Service* – (International) **LightSquared may change bands to save GPS.** Mobile broadband startup LightSquared proposed an alternative network plan June 20 in which it would use different frequencies to prevent interference with Global Positioning Systems (GPS). LightSquared said it proposed setting aside the part of its spectrum closest to the frequencies used by GPS and instead using a band controlled by satellite carrier Inmarsat. The company recently reached an agreement with Inmarsat that allows it to use that spectrum. In its original plan, LightSquared would have moved into that band over 2 or 3 years as its business grew. Instead, it will use those frequencies from the beginning. The Federal Communications Commission set a deadline June 15 for that testing, but granted LightSquared an extension until July 1. After evaluating the data from the tests, LightSquared said it started developing an alternative spectrum plan to reduce interference. The plan involves the company temporarily leaving one band of 10MHz of spectrum for another 10MHz band that is lower in frequency. The lower band is farther from the GPS frequencies and is largely free of interference problems except for an effect on “a limited number of high-precision GPS receivers,” LightSquared said. The higher band that it originally had planned to use in its launch will be set aside for testing and developing mitigation plans over the next few years, the company said.  
Source:  
[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9217793/LightSquared\\_may\\_change\\_bands\\_to\\_save\\_GPS](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9217793/LightSquared_may_change_bands_to_save_GPS)
59. *June 20, The Register* – (International) **Web authentication authority suffers security breach.** Another Web authentication authority has been attacked by hackers intent on minting counterfeit certificates that would allow them to spoof the authenticated pages of high-profile sites. Israel-based StartCom, which operates StartSSL, suffered a security breach June 15, the company said in an advisory. The certificate authority, which is trusted by the Microsoft Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, and Mozilla Firefox browsers to vouch for the authenticity of sensitive Web sites, has suspended

issuance of digital certificates and related services until further notice. StartCom's CTO and COO told The Register the attackers targeted many of the same Web sites targeted during a similar breach in March against certificate authority Comodo. The hackers behind the StartCom attack failed to obtain any certificates that would allow them to spoof Web sites, and they were also unsuccessful in generating an intermediate certificate that would allow them to act as their own certificate authority, the company's CTO and COO said. The private encryption key at the center of the company's operations is not stored on a computer attached to the Internet, so they did not acquire that sensitive document either, he said.

Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/06/21/startssl\\_security\\_breach/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/06/21/startssl_security_breach/)

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

60. *June 21, Nashville Tennessean* – (Tennessee) **Homemade bomb found in Franklin.** A homemade bomb inside a bottle exploded inside a man's home in Franklin, Tennessee, June 20 after he picked up what he thought was trash left on his front steps by someone who rang the doorbell. Eleven similar devices were found outside of five different homes in the Polk Place subdivision by city police and fire department personnel. The 37-year-old male who picked up the bottle that exploded at his Polk Place Drive residence was taken to an area hospital with non-life threatening injuries according to Franklin police. No other injuries were reported. Ten of the devices detonated on their own, police said. The Tennessee Highway Patrol bomb squad responded to neutralize one undetonated device. Detectives were working several leads to identify a suspect. The devices were believed to be made with a mixture of common household chemicals, police said. When combined in the plastic drink bottles they were left in, the mixture creates a gas, resulting in an explosion.

Source:

<http://www.tennessean.com/article/20110621/NEWS03/110621003/Homemade-bombs-found-in-Franklin>

61. *June 20, Durant Daily Democrat* – (Oklahoma) **Choctaw Casino's North Tower closed till Thursday after water leak.** The Choctaw Casino Resort's North Casino and Grand Tower in Durant, North Carolina will be closed till June 23, after a malfunction in the fire suppression system June 19. According to a report from the Durant Fire Department (DFD), crews were dispatched to a fire alarm going off with reports the second floor collapsed. When crews arrived, they found that the sprinkler system pipes had come apart in several places, flooding the first floor ceiling, which then caused the ceiling tiles to fall. Officials were able to shut the water off by the time the DFD arrived. Crews were then able to move a pipe from the pump room to the outside of the resort. According to the fire marshal's report, there was no structural damage. The Bryan County EMS director said two patients were transported to the hospital for injuries he described as minor. They were treated and later released.

Source: [http://www.durantdemocrat.com/view/full\\_story/14386743/article-Choctaw-](http://www.durantdemocrat.com/view/full_story/14386743/article-Choctaw-)

[Casino's North Tower closed till Thursday after water leak?instance=home\\_news\\_lead](#)

62. *June 20, KPTV 12 Portland* – (Oregon) **Newport Hotel evacuated for carbon monoxide.** The Agate Beach Best Western in Newport, Oregon, was evacuated when multiple employees became ill June 19. At about 9:45 p.m., a report came in of a hotel employee experiencing medical problems. The Newport Fire Department responded with two fire engines, one ladder truck, one heavy rescue vehicle, and 17 firefighters. On arrival, they found multiple employees had become ill, including one who had already been transported to a local hospital. High levels of carbon monoxide were detected in the basement. Fire crews immediately evacuated the hotel and spent several hours containing the leak and airing out the building. Several hotel guests and employees were medically evaluated and a few were treated for possible carbon monoxide exposure. Guests and employees were able to return to the hotel at about 3 a.m. June 20. The exact cause of the gas leak is still under investigation.  
Source: <http://www.kptv.com/news/28298855/detail.html>
63. *June 20, San Leandro Patch* – (California) **Car crashes into apartment building, causing evacuation.** A woman who accidentally hit the gas instead of the brake while driving through a San Leandro, California apartment complex parking lot June 20 crashed into a utility closet, severing a gas main and prompting an evacuation, a fire department spokeswoman said June 20. The woman's Mitsubishi Montero Sport four-door SUV hit the Parkside Commons Apartments' gas main in the 900 block of 143rd Street around 8:15 a.m., the Alameda County fire spokeswoman said. Gas began leaking and about 30 residents were evacuated. The high-pressure gas leak was hissing for nearly 2 hours before it was capped around 10 a.m., she said. Residents were allowed to return home a short time later.  
Source: <http://sanleandro.patch.com/articles/car-crashes-into-apartment-building-causing-evacuation>
64. *June 20, KTVU 2 Oakland* – (California) **Man injured in early morning Sunnyvale apartment fire.** A fire at a Sunnyvale, California apartment complex June 20 damaged several apartments, injured a man, and displaced about 40 people, the fire captain said. A two-alarm blaze was reported at about 1:50 a.m. at an apartment building at 639 Caliente Drive, the fire captain said. The fire was controlled at about 4:30 a.m. The second-story apartment where the fire is believed to have started was "completely gutted," the fire captain said. Two other units sustained fire damage, and additional apartments sustained smoke and water damage, he said. A male occupant suffered burns and was transported to Santa Clara Valley Medical Center. His injuries were not life-threatening, the fire captain said. The American Red Cross responded to assist about 40 people who were displaced, most of them only temporarily, he said. The cause of the fire is under investigation.  
Source: <http://www.ktvu.com/news/28297979/detail.html>
65. *June 20, WLTX 19 Columbia* – (Nebraska) **Severe storms force evacuation at College World Series in Omaha, NE.** Severe storms caused some frightening moments at the College World Series in Omaha, Nebraska June 20. A storm cell moved over the city

around 9 p.m. during the Florida versus Vanderbilt game. The matchup was in the sixth inning at the time. Tornado sirens blared in the area, and ground crews quickly moved to cover the field at TD Ameritrade Stadium. A News19 reporter said people in hotels were told to move to lower levels of the building. Eventually, people in the stadium were told to evacuate. Eventually, the threat ended without a tornado touching down, or any serious damage.

Source: <http://www.wltx.com/news/article/140876/2/Severe-Storms-Force-Evacuation-at-College-World-Series->

66. *June 18, KXTV 10 Sacramento* – (California) **Fairfield police search for pipe bomb suspect.** Fairfield, California police are searching for a man suspected of creating pipe bombs and then leaving them in neighborhoods. The 29-year-old suspect was identified after police searched a home on the 1600 block of Quincy Lane June 17, a police spokesman said. At the home, police found an explosive device and materials to make bombs. Nearby homes were evacuated as a precaution as the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF), Yolo County Bomb Squad, and FBI disarmed the bomb, the spokesman said. He said police believe the suspect is linked to a car fire that happened May 27. The fire was believed to be started after a pipe bomb detonated under the parked car. The Travis Air Force Base Explosive Ordinance Disposal Team helped evacuate the area as police performed a safety sweep. No injuries were reported, the spokesman said.

Source: <http://www.news10.net/news/local/article/142481/2/Fairfield-police-search-for-pipe-bomb-suspect>

67. *June 17, WESH 2 Orlando* – (Florida) **Fire Forces Guests From Hotel Rooms.** Hotel guests waited in a parking lot in Orlando, Florida, after a fake plant caught fire and sprinklers were turned on to put out flames, officials said June 17. Orange County Fire and Rescue crews said a decorative plant ignited on the twelfth floor of the Lake Eve Resort on I-Drive in Orlando just after midnight. Firefighters cleared out all 14 floors of the building. Sprinklers doused the flames, officials said. Investigators said it is not yet clear how the fake plant caught fire.

Source: <http://www.wesh.com/r/28268454/detail.html>

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

68. *June 21, CNN* – (Florida) **Flames kill 2 Florida firefighters, injure 2 others.** A pair of firefighters died June 20 in north Florida while battling the Blue Ribbon wildfire in Hamilton County, the Florida Division of Forestry said. Two other firefighters also were injured on the same fire. Both were treated for smoke and heat-related injuries and released from local hospitals. The Blue Ribbon Fire started June 16 and had previously been declared contained, but it flared again June 20. Because of the extreme fire conditions in many parts of the state, Florida's governor declared a state of emergency June 13. "Since May 1st, the (Forestry) Division has battled over 1,500 wildfires that

have burned almost 200,000 acres across the state making it one of the busiest wildfire years in recent history,” a Suwannee Forestry Center spokesman said.

Source:

[http://www.cnn.com/2011/US/06/21/florida.firefighters.deaths/index.html?hpt=hp\\_t2](http://www.cnn.com/2011/US/06/21/florida.firefighters.deaths/index.html?hpt=hp_t2)

69. *June 21, CNN* – (Arizona) **Arizona evacuees return home as crews contain wildfire.** Weather conditions are expected to improve with calmer winds and higher humidity levels June 21, making it easier for crews to battle other active wildfires burning across Arizona. Over the weekend of June 18 through June 19, fires appeared to outpace firefighters’ efforts in some areas. That includes the Monument Fire in southern Arizona, which the U.S. Forest Service Chief has deemed the nation’s No. 1 priority. Winds in the southern part of the state June 21 will be blowing between 5 mph and 10 mph, considerably slower than the 30-plus mph winds that hampered firefighting efforts over the weekend, the National Weather Service forecast. Nationwide, wildfires have burned almost as many acres in the first half of 2011 as were recorded by the National Interagency Fire Center for all of 2010. Almost 2 weeks after the biggest wildfire in Arizona history swept through their community and obliterated dozens of homes, barns, sheds, and one truck, residents of the tiny town of Greer are back in their homes. Greer residents were ordered to evacuate June 6, 2 days before the Wallow Fire blew through their town of about 200 inhabitants and scorched at least 22 homes and 24 outbuildings. Firefighters have increasingly gained the upper hand on the fire, which has torched more than a half-million acres in eastern Arizona. Firefighters announced late June 20 that the fire was 56 percent contained.  
Source: [http://www.cnn.com/2011/US/06/21/arizona.wildfires/index.html?hpt=hp\\_t2](http://www.cnn.com/2011/US/06/21/arizona.wildfires/index.html?hpt=hp_t2)

70. *June 21, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Texas fires rage: 1,800 homes, businesses evacuate.** About 1,800 homes and businesses in drought-plagued southeast Texas are being evacuated as a growing wildfire fueled by wind and triple-digit temperatures continues to rake across a rural community northwest of Houston, officials said June 20. A Grimes County judge ordered residents to leave June 20 as the ongoing fire crossed containment lines, a Texas Forest Service spokesman told the Associated Press, adding that it was not immediately known how many residents were affected. He said two people have been injured and 26 homes in the county have been destroyed since the 5,000-acre fire began June 19. Displaced residents were sent to Navasota High School, west of the fire. Firefighters across the state worked June 20 to contain multiple wildfires, including 20 battled by Texas Forest Service crews that involved more than 76,000 acres and consumed at least 35 homes and 20 outbuildings. All but 30 of the state’s 254 counties had outdoor burn bans in place.  
Source: <http://palestineherald.com/breakingnews/x947034102/Texas-fires-rage-1-800-homes-businesses-evacuate>

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## **Dams Sector**

71. *June 21, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **10,000 in Minot ordered to evacuate again as historic Souris River flooding expected.** The National Weather Service said the Souris River that flows through Minot, North Dakota, is expected to reach about 1,563 feet above sea level by the weekend of June 25 and 26. The river, bloated by heavy spring snowmelt and rain, runs down from Canada through north central North Dakota. About 10,000 residents who were evacuated earlier in June and then let back into their homes have been ordered to be out again by June 22. Officials said river flows through Minot will be three times the record amount in 1969, about 1,555.4 feet, and water will top the emergency levees.  
Source: <http://www.grandforksherald.com/event/article/id/207341/group/homepage/>
72. *June 21, WSAU 550 AM/99.9 FM Wausau* – (Wisconsin) **Leaks reported at McDill Pond dam.** A leak in the McDill Pond dam in Whiting, Wisconsin, was reported June 21, closing County Highway Double-H between Sherman Avenue and Post Road. There are concerns about the structural integrity of the dam since cracks were discovered the week of June 13. Water levels were being lowered at a rate of 10-inches per day.  
Source: <http://wsau.com/news/articles/2011/jun/21/leaks-reported-at-mcdill-pond-dam/>
73. *June 21, Reuters* – (Missouri) **Flooding forces evacuation of Missouri town.** Residents of Craig, Missouri, are under orders to evacuate because of two breaches in Missouri River levees, officials said June 21. Water is expected to top earthen and sandbag levees fortified recently around Craig. The Missouri River levee breaches occurred about 3 miles south and west of Craig, and have inundated some farmland and homes, particularly around the village of Big Lake. Levees have also failed in Atchison County north of Holt County. Most people had voluntarily evacuated those areas before the flood, officials said. The flooding has closed numerous highways in the two counties as well as Big Lake State Park.  
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/06/21/us-flooding-plains-evacuation-idUSTRE75K31320110621>

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