



# Homeland Security

## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 24 June 2011

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- According to IDG News, Ukraine's security service said June 23 it had disrupted a cybercrime ring that cost the banking industry more than \$72 million using Conficker, a worm unleashed in 2008. (See item [15](#))
- The Associated Press reports a U.S. Marine Corps reservist arrested in a security scare near the Pentagon was charged June 23 in a series of 2010 pre-dawn shootings at military buildings in the Washington D.C. area. (See item [41](#))

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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 23, Detroit Free Press* – (Michigan) **No power for 22,000 after storms.** Severe thunderstorms June 22 brought flooded streets and funnel cloud sightings in the Macomb and St. Clair counties of Michigan, though no tornadoes were reported. A DTE Energy spokesman said June 22 that about 22,000 customers were without power. The National Weather Service said wind gusts reached 75 mph in Flint and 65 mph in Clinton Township.

Source: <http://www.freep.com/article/20110623/NEWS04/106230501/No-power-22-000-after-storms>

2. *June 23, CNNMoney* – (National) **U.S. to release oil from strategic reserve.** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) said it will release 30 million barrels of oil from the Strategic National Reserve to alleviate supply pressures caused by Libyan oil supply disruptions, in the midst of already-plummeting oil prices. The U.S. release is part of a 60 million barrel increase in supply announced June 23 by the International Energy Agency, which includes the U.S. as one of its 28 member nations, “in response to the ongoing disruption of oil supplies from Libya.” The DOE said the reserve is at the “historically high level” of 727 million barrels. “We are taking this action in response to the ongoing loss of crude oil due to supply disruptions in Libya and other countries and their impact on the global economic recovery,” the Energy Secretary said.  
Source: [http://money.cnn.com/2011/06/23/markets/oil\\_prices/index.htm?hpt=hp\\_t2\\_as\\_it\\_pertains\\_to\\_the\\_USA](http://money.cnn.com/2011/06/23/markets/oil_prices/index.htm?hpt=hp_t2_as_it_pertains_to_the_USA)
3. *June 22, Butler County Emergency Management Agency* – (Ohio) **Power restored after major power outage in Hamilton.** City leaders confirm all customers of the City of Hamilton Electric Department in Ohio have had their power restored after a major power outage left 20,000 customers without power, June 22. Senior utilities engineering technician for the city, said nearly two-thirds of the customers in the city lost power around 1:40 p.m. City officials were not sure why power to the entire electric grid in Hamilton was disconnected, but the technician said when crews arrived at the electrical tie station off Gilmore Road, personnel found a damaged vacuum bottle in a 15 kilo-volt breaker. Just before 4 p.m., power had been restored to all but 4,500 customers. Hamilton Electric crews then re-routed electric to restore power to the remaining people that were still in the dark by 4:52 p.m. Due to this power outage, seven county government buildings with no electricity, including the government services center, courthouses, and a jail, closed for the remainder of the business day.  
Source: <http://www.fox19.com/story/14957799/20000-customers-without-power-in-hamilton?redirected=true>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

4. *June 23, Galveston County Daily News* – (Texas) **Dow chemical plant is in full shutdown.** Problems at an electrical substation knocked out power to Dow Chemical’s Texas City, Texas, chemical plant June 22, a company spokeswoman confirmed. The outage, however, was not weather related, power company officials said. The entire plant was shut down after the power outage about 6 a.m. Dow issued a Level 1 alert, as is standard when there is a plantwide emergency shutdown. There were no injuries, a company spokeswoman said. Part of the Level 1 alert requires that all contractors be locked out of the plant until power is restored. Only essential Dow employees were allowed in the plant. The outage started when one of two power lines from Texas-New

Mexico Power Co.'s Apache substation went down, a power company spokeswoman said. "Initially, it was believed that a faulty lightning arrester caused this incident," the spokeswoman said. "However, upon closer inspection, (Texas-New Mexico Power) has found that the problem was a faulty insulator. At this point, we have no indication that the fault was due to contamination, but further inspection of the insulator is planned." Dow set off several of its flares to burn off excess product and to relieve pressure on the units as they were taken offline. The power outage caused minor problems at other Texas City petrochemical facilities, but only Dow was in a shutdown mode, the Texas City Homeland Security director said.

Source: <http://galvestondailynews.com/story/239950>

5. *June 23, Mentor Patch* – (Ohio) **Cleanup for tractor-trailer spill almost finished.** Mentor, Ohio, city officials said June 23 that most of the biodegradable oil products spilled during the June 21 tractor-trailer fire have been cleaned up, and there will be no long-term contamination. About 27,000 pounds of petroleum-based chemicals spilled when the trailer caught fire on the Route 306/I-90 eastbound entrance ramp. The Mentor Fire Department, Lake County Hazardous Materials Team, and Ohio Environment Protection Agency (OEPA) coordinated efforts to stop the spread those chemicals. They set up booms to prevent its flow downstream, and used vacuum trucks to siphon the chemicals off the water. An OEPA assessment June 22 stated the majority of the product was collected and removed. Later in the week, crews were expected to excavate and remove all contaminated soil along the freeway entrance ramp. Heavy Haulers, the company in charge of the trailer that spilled the chemicals, will be required to satisfy requirements to remove all contaminated soil and debris.  
Source: <http://mentor.patch.com/articles/cleanup-for-tractor-trailer-spill-almost-finished>
6. *June 22, Contra Costa Times* – (California) **Wreck causes acid spill.** Five people were taken to the hospital and two major roadways in Highland, California, were shut down June 22 for several hours after a pickup truck rolled over, dumping several containers of a chemical used to clean swimming pools and treat municipal water supplies. The incident occurred about 1:15 p.m. on the westbound side of the 210 Freeway near Highway 330. The pickup was towing a trailer, officials said. The chemical is corrosive and an inhalation hazard, a spokesman for the California Highway Patrol (CHP) said. San Bernardino fire officials said the dumped solution contained 12 percent bleach. The driver was hauling it to a water plant. The CHP called a Sigalert, closing all westbound 210 lanes at San Bernardino Avenue in Redlands and eastbound lanes at Del Rosa Avenue in San Bernardino. At 9 p.m. June 22, the westbound lanes of the 210 Freeway were still closed  
Source: [http://www.contracostatimes.com/california/ci\\_18333742?nclick\\_check=1](http://www.contracostatimes.com/california/ci_18333742?nclick_check=1)
7. *June 22, Buffalo News* – (New York) **Four-alarm fire guts plant.** Damage to a paint and paper facility in Buffalo, New York, was estimated at \$750,000 after a four-alarm fire ripped through the complex June 21. Buffalo firefighters are still investigating the blaze, which was reported about 3:30 p.m. at Salerno Paint & Paper. No company workers were injured during the fire, but four firefighters were transported to the hospital for minor issues such as heat exhaustion, the fire commissioner said. Initial

findings determined the fire began in a second-story portion of the building, and then spread to the remaining one-story portion, a spokesman said. The roof collapsed about 4:30 p.m. The paint facility, located in a residential neighborhood, stored several volatile chemicals. Multiple ladder trucks surrounded the facility in to halt the spread of flames. Salerno is a commercial and residential painting company that employs 10 people, according to its Web site.

Source: <http://www.buffalonews.com/city/article463609.ece>

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

8. *June 23, The Australian* – (International) **Random IAEA nuclear checks rejected by industry in Vienna.** Plans for the UN atomic energy watchdog to randomly inspect nuclear power plants appear to have failed to win support at the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) meeting in Austria the week of June 20, although governments are said to have agreed to reactor stress tests. The agency's head proposed that his organization conduct random checks. Despite shockwaves around the world from the March 11 disaster at the Fukushima Daiichi plant in Japan, there was no agreement on random independent inspections. Japan's Kyodo news agency reported agreement was close on all countries conducting stress tests on their reactors to assess vulnerability to natural disasters. Many of Japan's nuclear reactors remain offline as municipalities continue to insist on safety assurances before they allow them to resume operations. As reactors in Japan close periodically for inspection every 13 months, a continuation of the current standoff would result in all reactors being closed by late next year, leaving Japan with a GDP-sapping deficit of 30 percent of its total power supply.  
Source: <http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/world/random-nuclear-checks-by-iaea-rejected-by-industry-in-vienna/story-e6frg6so-1226080160864>
9. *June 23, Georgia Public Broadcasting* – (National) **U.S. considers private nuclear fuel reuse.** On June 22, members of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) in Augusta, Georgia, took public comment in an early effort to draft licensing rules for commercial reprocessing of spent nuclear fuel. It is a process done widely in other countries but not in the United States. An NRC spokesman said reprocessing spent fuel could help ease the nation's nuclear waste problem but will not get rid of it. Environmentalists attending the meeting said reprocessing actually adds to the thousands of tons of waste stored at nuclear power plants. Officials from the French nuclear giant AREVA were also there. They are interested in building reprocessing facilities in the United States. The company is already working on a plant at the Savannah River Site near Augusta that will turn nuclear bombs into reactor fuel. But no utilities have stepped up to use the Mixed Oxide (MOX) fuel in their reactors. A woman at the meeting told the panel commercial reprocessing could pose a similar problem if the fuel was not being selected. Some environmentalists said fuel made from reprocessing is not as stable as traditional fuel and that it has yet to be successfully

tested in any U.S. reactors.

Source: <http://www.gpb.org/news/2011/06/22/u-s-considers-private-nuclear-fuel-reuse>

10. *June 23, Associated Press* – (National) **Senators demand congressional probe on nuke safety.** On June 22, three U.S. Senators, asked for a Congressional investigation of safety standards and federal oversight at U.S. nuclear facilities. The three said the ongoing Associated Press series investigation raises questions about whether the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission has worked with the atomic power industry to allow aging reactors to keep operating by weakening safety standards or not enforcing them. The Senators also asked the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to investigate the re-licensing process, earthquake standards, upkeep of the plants, and evacuation planning. Two New Jersey Senators also made a similar request of the GAO earlier the week of June 20.

Source: <http://www.beaumontenterprise.com/news/article/Senators-demand-congressional-probe-on-uke-safety-1437155.php>

11. *June 23, Associated Press* – (Vermont) **Court hearing gets under way on Vermont nuke's future.** The owners of the Vermont Yankee nuclear plant will ask a federal judge to block the state's efforts to close the Vernon, Vermont, reactor when its current license expires in March 2012. On June 23, the U.S. district court in Brattleboro began 2 days of hearings on whether it should issue a preliminary injunction to block Vermont from closing the plant.

Source: <http://www.pressherald.com/news/Court-hearing-gets-under-way-on-Vt-nukes-future.html>

12. *June 22, Associated Press* – (Illinois) **Honeywell faces potential fine at Ill. plant.** The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is proposing Honeywell International Inc. be fined \$119,000 for alleged safety violations during an incident in December at its plant in Metropolis, Illinois. The agency said June 22, it found safety violations after a release of toxic hydrogen fluoride vapor. The facility has 560 employees and processes raw uranium for generating nuclear power. No one was injured in the incident. OSHA said the violations included a lack of written instructions for handling hydrogen fluoride in some situations, and using equipment that does not comply with good engineering practices.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9O15P102.htm>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

13. *June 22, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Texas) **US Department of Labor's OSHA cites El Paso, Texas, manufacturing facility for exposing workers to safety and health hazards.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) cited Plastic Systems LLC June 22 for eight serious, three repeat, and one other-than-serious violation after an inspection at the company's facility in El Paso, Texas, uncovered safety and health hazards. Proposed penalties total \$96,000. OSHA's El Paso Area Office initiated an inspection January 5. Serious

violations include failing to: maintain a workplace in a clean and orderly manner; maintain an effective hearing conservation program; provide eye protection for employees working near grinding machinery; properly guard industrial machines; ensure forklift operators were certified; address electrical hazards such as broken wires, open conductors, and receptacles. Repeat violations include failing to develop and document procedures for an energy control program and periodically inspect the control program.

Source:

[http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=NEWS\\_RELEASES&p\\_id=20121](http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=20121)

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

14. *June 23, Aviation Week* – (Mississippi) **Taurus II engine sustained damage in fire.** An Aerojet AJ26 engine destined to power the Orbital Sciences Corp. Taurus II launch vehicle in the run-up to commercial resupply flights for the International Space Station (ISS) was badly damaged in a fuel fire June 9 in Hancock County, Mississippi. NASA is counting on the Taurus II/Cygnus and the Space Exploration Technologies (SpaceX) Falcon 9/Dragon combinations to help resupply the station when the space shuttle fleet retires after the upcoming final flight of shuttle Atlantis. A spokesman for Orbital and a spokesman for Aerojet said the AJ26 engine shut down prematurely after a fuel leak developed during a hot-fire acceptance test, and the leaking kerosene fuel ignited. While the engine was damaged, the test stand at Stennis Space Center suffered only minor damage, the spokesmen said. The Aerojet spokesman said a team of rocket engine experts from Aerojet, Orbital, and NASA are investigating the cause of the mishap and the extent of the damage to the engine.

Source:

[http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story\\_generic.jsp?channel=aerospacedaily&id=news/asd/2011/06/22/02.xml&headline=Taurus II Engine Sustained Damage In Fire](http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story_generic.jsp?channel=aerospacedaily&id=news/asd/2011/06/22/02.xml&headline=Taurus II Engine Sustained Damage In Fire)

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

15. *June 23, IDG News* – (International) **Ukraine disrupts \$72M Conficker hacking ring.** Ukraine's security service said June 23 it had disrupted a cybercrime ring that cost the banking industry more than \$72 million using Conficker, a fast-spreading worm unleashed in 2008. The hackers allegedly used Conficker to spread antivirus software, according to a translation of a news release from the SBU, the Ukraine's state security service. The antivirus software, however, contained malware that collected online banking details. The SBU said it conducted 19 raids June 21 in tandem with law enforcement in other countries. Latvian police arrested two people, and more than 40 financial accounts were frozen in banks in Cyprus and Latvia. The FBI also participated in the investigation, along with agencies in England, the Netherlands, France, Germany, Cyprus, Latvia, and two other unnamed countries, the release said.

Thirty servers were seized in countries outside the Ukraine. Ukrainian authorities questioned 16 people, and have seized computer equipment, documents, and money. Source:

[http://www.pcworld.com/businesscenter/article/230959/ukraine\\_disrupts\\_72m\\_conficker\\_hacking\\_ring.html](http://www.pcworld.com/businesscenter/article/230959/ukraine_disrupts_72m_conficker_hacking_ring.html)

16. *June 23, Nashville Tennessean* – (National) **Morgan Keegan to pay \$200M in fraud settlement.** Tennessee-based investment firm Morgan Keegan & Co. may soon be up for sale after agreeing to pay federal and state regulators \$200 million to settle civil charges of defrauding investors during the housing crisis. The \$200 million will be divided among some 39,000 investors who lost \$1.5 billion in 2007 and 2008, according to the settlement announced June 23. Of the \$1.5 billion in reported damages, about \$300 million was lost in Tennessee, representing the greatest loss among the states impacted, said a spokeswoman with the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance in a conference call with reporters. The settlement concludes the Securities and Exchange Commission’s charges last year against Morgan Keegan accusing the company of inflating the values of mortgage-backed securities during the subprime housing crisis. Morgan Keegan did not use “fair practice” procedures in determining security values in funds backed by risky mortgage loans, the regulators said. The firm inflated fund values and soft-pedaled potential risks to entice investors, the suit noted.

Source:

<http://www.tennessean.com/article/20110623/BUSINESS01/306220130/Morgan-Keegan-to-pay-200M-in-fraud-settlement>

17. *June 22, KIMT 3 Mason City* – (Minnesota) **Counterfeit bill arrests.** After a 2-month long counterfeit bill investigation, six people in three counties were arrested in Southern Minnesota. During the investigation since May of this year, the Secret Service, Southern Central Drug Investigation unit, and other agencies, have purchased more than \$30,000 worth of counterfeit \$100 bills. They also collected \$3,200 worth of fake bills from businesses. On June 21, an undercover agent talked with one of the suspects to buy \$5,000 worth of counterfeit currency. The suspect’s husband then showed up with \$5,400 worth of counterfeit \$100’s to sell to the agent, and he was put under arrest. Within a few minutes, search warrants were executed in the cities of Albert Lea, Owatonna, and Faribault. During a search, officers also found money making equipment, methamphetamine, and meth paraphernalia items.

Source: <http://www.kimt.com/content/localnews/story/Counterfeit-Bill-Arrests/7rmTOpd0ok-Nb0G82NyclA.csp>

18. *June 22, Associated Press* – (Minnesota; Wisconsin) **4 from Minn., Wis. charged in mortgage scheme.** Four people from Minnesota and Wisconsin face racketeering charges in a multimillion-dollar mortgage fraud scheme that authorities said involved extensive and intricate false documents, including fake college transcripts, phony divorce decrees, and the forged signatures of Minnesota judges, according to a criminal complaint made public June 22. The complaint said the scheme operated from June 2009 through August 2010 and may have involved 136 properties in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, and \$23 million in federally insured loans. Officials said that unlike

subprime mortgages of the past, the federally insured loans require extensive documentation, so the level of forgery that went into creating the documents in this case was intricate. The criminal complaint charges the four with racketeering, a charge which carries a penalty of up to 20 years in prison, and a fine up to \$1 million if convicted. Prosecutors and commerce officials said that as part of the scheme, the defendants focused on homes sold at sheriff's sales, and used the fake documents so straw buyers would qualify for loans they otherwise would not get. Then, they created a fake second mortgage against the property so that when the property was sold, they would collect kickbacks. In just nine of the dozens of suspected transactions, prosecutors allege the defendants collected more than \$840,000 in kickbacks. Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9O173780.htm>

19. *June 22, FBI* – (Minnesota) **2 Twin Cities' bank officers and customer indicted in multimillion dollar check-kiting scheme.** In federal court June 22, two Twin Cities area bank officers were indicted, along with their bank customer, for allegedly concealing the customer's multimillion dollar check-kiting scheme through a series of fraudulent nominee loans. The three Minnesota men were charged with five counts of misapplication of bank funds. The indictment alleges that from March 6, 2009 through January 29, 2010, the bank officers, aided and abetted by a third man, misapplied about \$1.9 million from Pinehurst Bank in St. Paul. One of the men was the bank's president and the other was the bank's chief credit officer and senior vice president. The indictment alleges a businessman was kiting larger and larger amounts of bad checks between Pinehurst Bank and the second bank until late February 2009, when the second bank discovered the scheme and returned more than \$1.8 million in bad checks to Pinehurst. Allegedly, the men then arranged five loans to go to straw borrowers of the businessman, and disbursed the \$1.9 million to them, knowing those funds were intended to cover and did cover the check-kiting scheme. The indictment alleges the bank officers actively recruited the straw borrowers, were on the bank committee that approved the five loans, and took steps to conceal the loans from the bank's board and regulators. If convicted, the defendants face a potential maximum penalty of 30 years in prison on each count. Source: <http://www.loansafe.org/2-twin-cities-bank-officers-and-customer-indicted-in-multimillion-dollar-check-kiting-scheme>

20. *June 21, Agence France-Presse* – (National) **JPMorgan to settle securities fraud charges.** A JPMorgan Chase affiliate will pay \$153.6 million to settle charges it misled investors in a mortgage securities deal as the housing market bubble was collapsing, regulators said June 21. The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) said JPMorgan Securities, one of the Wall Street bank's broker-dealer affiliates, has agreed to repay fully the harmed investors. The SEC alleged JPMorgan developed and marketed a complex financial instrument — collateralized debt obligation (CDO) — “without informing investors that a hedge fund helped select the assets in the CDO portfolio and had a short position in more than half of those assets.” The CDO — known as Squared CDO 2007-1 — was tied to the U.S. residential housing market, where prices plummeted following the sub-prime mortgage crisis. The SEC alleged that in March and April 2007, JPMorgan knew it faced growing financial losses amid the signs of distress in the housing market and then launched a “frantic” global sales effort

that went beyond its traditional customer base for mortgage securities.

Source:

[http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5iclwQq\\_8MW68egw9Y7Chph6ffkdQ?docId=CNG.ec1ca707e5ead72afaed8780a6c517c1.551](http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5iclwQq_8MW68egw9Y7Chph6ffkdQ?docId=CNG.ec1ca707e5ead72afaed8780a6c517c1.551)

21. *June 21, CNN* – (International) **JPMorgan, RBS sued over securities sales.** A federal watchdog for the credit union industry has sued JPMorgan and the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) for allegedly misrepresenting the value of the mortgage-backed securities that they sold in recent years, triggering the failure of five credit unions. The National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) filed suit in federal district court for \$800 million against the two financial firms June 21. The agency, which regulates and charters credit unions, said it expects “to file additional actions and seek a total amount of damages in the billions of dollars.” It has accused JPMorgan and the RBS of making “numerous material misrepresentations” of the “questionable securities” they sold to the credit unions for a total of \$3 billion. In one of the lawsuits, the regulator said that many of these securities, which were backed by mortgages, “were all but certain to become delinquent or default shortly after origination. As a result, the [securities] were destined from inception to perform poorly.”

Source:

[http://money.cnn.com/2011/06/21/news/companies/jpmorgan\\_rbs\\_credit\\_union/?section=money\\_latest](http://money.cnn.com/2011/06/21/news/companies/jpmorgan_rbs_credit_union/?section=money_latest)

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## **Transportation Sector**

22. *June 23, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **Water on roadway affecting US Highway 52, ND Highway 5 in flooded Souris River basin.** Some roads were starting to fall victim to water June 22 in the flooding Souris River basin in north central North Dakota. The state transportation department said the westbound lane of U.S. Highway 52 was closed about 3 miles southeast of Minot because of water on the roadway. The eastbound lane remained open but with reduced speeds. Officials also closed North Dakota Highway 5 about 12 miles west of Mohall because of water. The Souris River was forecast to hit a record level in the Minot area because of excessive spring snowmelt and rain in the basin.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/7390bbe6325847f6b8b3808689f43be7/ND--North-Dakota-Flooding-Roads/>

23. *June 23, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **Suspicious object found on Newark flight.** Police are questioning how a strange object got on a Delta Airlines flight that arrived at Newark Liberty International Airport in Newark, New Jersey from Minnesota June 21. Delta Flight 1972 had landed around 11 p.m. June 20, and a cleaning crew reported the incident as the plane sat at Terminal B’s Gate 53 June 21. Authorities told the Star-Ledger of Newark the object was wedged between seats 21B

and 21C. No one had been assigned the seats. The object had the body of a clear pen, with an electrical button trigger and a nail and alligator clip protruding from it. A battery was held by electrical tape, and next to it was a flashlight top. A FBI special agent told the newspaper there was no imminent threat at the time the object was discovered.

Source: <http://www.ajc.com/travel/suspicious-object-found-on-985462.html>

24. *June 22, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Storms damage 2 hangars at Grand Rapids airport.** Severe thunderstorms in Michigan’s Lower Peninsula June 21 produced high winds that damaged two hangars at Gerald R. Ford International Airport in Grand Rapids, injuring at least three people, and leaving thousands of people without power, authorities said. Members of the Civil Air Patrol were preparing for natural disaster training when they took cover in one of the hangars June 21, WOOD-TV 8 Grand Rapids reported. Gusting winds ripped a hangar door away, sending some of them into the air inside the hangar. The hangars were pulled off their foundations, WZZM 13 Grand Rapids and the Grand Rapids Press reported.

Source: <http://www.freep.com/article/20110622/NEWS06/110622010/Storms-damage-2-hangars-Grand-Rapids-airport>

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

25. *June 23, Food Safety News* – (National) **Two more seafood processors with violations.** Vacuum-packed cold smoked mackerel from Auburn, Washington, and ready-to-eat lobster meat products, tuna and pasteurized crabmeat products from Middletown, Rhode Island, are among the latest seafoods to be found adulterated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The two seafood processors involved, Newport Lobster Co. Inc. in Rhode island, and Euro International Inc. in Washington state, received warning letters publicly released June 14 by the FDA about their “serious violations” of federal food safety laws. A February 28 warning letter to Newport stemmed from inspections last November 23 to December 15. FDA’s concerns center on record keeping and sanitation practices at the seafood processing facility. The agency said the facility was not maintaining monitoring records for routine cooking of lobster, not monitoring ice at the cooler, and not maintaining records at receiving. Newport did not have sanitation records for the first 11 months of 2010, causing FDA to be concerned about everything from the water quality in the facility to whether pests were being kept out of the food plant. The May 27 warning letter to Euro International cited the lack of a seafood Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point

plan for refrigerated, vacuum-packaged cold smoked mackerel to control the risk of Clostridium botulism toxin and scrombrotoxin (histamine) formation. Each of the seafood companies was given 15 business days to respond to the FDA's concerns. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/06/two-more-seafood-processors-with-violations/>

26. *June 23, Food Safety News* – (Maryland) **FDA shuts down Maryland kimchi maker.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced June 22 that Sungwon Inc. of Columbia, Maryland, corporation, and the company's president have signed a consent decree of permanent injunction, which shuts down company operations. Prior to entry of the consent decree, the company manufactured and distributed ready-to-eat Asian food products, including kimchi (the fermented Korean vegetable dish), and side dishes called ban chan, some of which contained seafood. The consent decree restrains Sungwon from further food processing until it complies with the FDA's current Good Manufacturing Practice (cGMP) regulations, the agency said in a news release. The company also is restrained from processing seafood until it complies with the seafood Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) regulations. Following the most recent inspection of Sungwon by the FDA in October, the company's president was presented with a 15-item list of violations, including failure to exclude pests from the food processing area to prevent contamination with bacteria and filth, and failure to have and implement adequate written seafood HACCP plans. The violations were similar to those observed by the FDA and the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in previous inspections of the facility, the agency charged. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/06/maryland-food-maker-enters-into-consent-decree/>
27. *June 23, The Packer* – (National) **Report: FDA jeopardizes food safety.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Office of Inspector General (IG) concluded, in a new report, that the FDA has generally failed to promptly initiate recalls, allowed some food companies to continue shipping despite failed inspections and often ignored its own procedures. The study was based on a year-long evaluation of 17 food recalls from 2007 to 2008. The study included a variety of recalls, including those involving cheese, mussel meat, fish, and four separate recalls of fresh cantaloupes from Honduras. The IG's office directed the FDA to review the report as it implements the Food Safety Modernization Act. Development and implementation of food recalls was not adequate to ensure the safety of the U.S. food supply, according to the report, and the FDA often didn't follow its own procedures. Some firms did not promptly initiate recalls, the IG noted. Other problems included weak and inaccurate recall communications from companies conducting recalls, as well as incomplete recall status reports that the firms are supposed to provide the FDA. The FDA failed to conduct inspections or obtain complete information on the contaminated products in 14 out of 17 recalls, the report found. The agency also did not conduct audit checks of consignees in 5 of the 17 recalls, and conducted untimely and incomplete audit checks in the other 12. The agency also failed to review the recall strategy of firms and promptly issue notification letters to firms covering the review results, the IG noted. Finally, the FDA did not witness the disposal of the products or obtain the required

documentation showing that the products were disposed of in 13 of 17 recalls.

Source: <http://www.thepacker.com/fruit-vegetable-news/Report-FDA-jeopardizes-food-safety-124412499.html>

28. *June 22, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **Smith Creamery explosion blamed on propane leak.** A fire and explosion that the state fire marshal believes was started by a leaking propane tank destroyed the Smith Creamery in Mount Hermon, Louisiana June 22., The early morning explosion inside the 5,000-square-foot building scattered debris as far as a half-mile away. The fire marshal's office said no one was injured, but the Washington Parish creamery was destroyed. The cause of the explosion is under investigation.

Source:

[http://www.nola.com/business/index.ssf/2011/06/smith\\_creamery\\_explosion\\_blame.html](http://www.nola.com/business/index.ssf/2011/06/smith_creamery_explosion_blame.html)

29. *June 22, Wisconsin Ag Connection* – (Texas) **Brucellosis testing at Texas markets to stop.** The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) has announced that effective August 1, government subsidized Brucellosis testing at all Texas livestock markets will be discontinued, due to a lack of funding available to pay for future testing. The TAHC will no longer enforce the requirement that all test eligible (adult) cattle be Brucellosis tested for a change of ownership within Texas. On February 1, 2008, the USDA declared Texas Brucellosis free. "The discontinuation of brucellosis testing will not affect Texas' Brucellosis-free state status," the state veterinarian said. Brucellosis is a bacterial disease of cattle that can cause abortions, weak calves, and low milk production. Humans can also catch brucellosis most commonly by consuming unpasteurized milk products or handling contaminated birthing material when assisting with difficult calving situations in infected cows.

Source: <http://www.wisconsinagconnection.com/story-national.php?Id=1326&yr=2011>

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## **Water Sector**

30. *June 23, WTVB 1590 AM Coldwater* – (Michigan) **Sewage spill in St Joe River in Union City.** Up to 10,000 gallons of untreated or partially treated sewage spilled into the St. Joseph River at Union City, Michigan, June 22. Officials with the Board of Public Works notified the Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency about the spill, and the agency put a "No Contact" health advisory in effect until further notice from west of the John Street Lift Station to the Union Lake Dam. The health agency will continue to monitor the situation with water sampling until conditions return to normal.

Source: <http://wtvbam.com/news/articles/2011/jun/23/sewage-leak-in-st-joe-river-in-union-city/>

31. *June 23, Middletown Times Herald-Record* – (New York) **Pipe cracks affecting Goshen sewer plant.** The Middletown Times Herald-Record reported June 23 the state-of-the-art sewer plant completed 3 years ago in Goshen, New York, is not

sufficient to handle the deluge of storm water that floods during heavy rains, according to documents from the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). Illegal hookups and cracks in nearly century-old clay sewer pipes allow hundreds of thousands of gallons of additional wastewater to streak toward the \$32 million plant, causing it to breach its maximum capacity of 2 million gallons per day. According to violation notices from the DEC, heavy rains and melting ice in the first half of March caused the plant to exceed its capacity 14 times in 16 days.

Source:

<http://www.recordonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20110623/NEWS/106230341/-1/SITEMAP>

32. *June 23, Owosso Argus-Press* – (Michigan) **Rain causes sewage overflow.** The Shiawassee County Health Department reported June 22 there was a sewer overflow into the Shiawassee river in Michigan. In a release, officials said sewage was discharged into the river from a manhole located on the south bank of the river just east of Union Street, about halfway between M-52 and Chipman Road. About 40,000 gallons was discharged. A total of 2.71 inches was measured at the Owosso Wastewater Treatment plant since June 21. Areas of flash flooding were occurring throughout the county.

Source: [http://www.argus-press.com/news/community/owosso/article\\_ad2f4c1e-9da2-11e0-ba70-001cc4c002e0.html](http://www.argus-press.com/news/community/owosso/article_ad2f4c1e-9da2-11e0-ba70-001cc4c002e0.html)

33. *June 22, Associated Press* – (New York) **Several NY communities ordered to boil water.** About 15,000 customers in several suburban New York communities were being advised to boil their water due to the presence of high levels of coliform bacteria. The Rockland County Department of Health issued the order for Nyack Water Department customers June 21. Coliform bacteria are commonly found in water supplies, but elevated levels are an indicator that potentially harmful microbes may exist. Symptoms include diarrhea, cramps, nausea, and headaches. The Nyack Water Department superintendent said the source of the contamination was being investigated. The order was expected to last 3-5 days for customers in Nyack, South Nyack, Central Nyack, and a portion of West Nyack.

Source: <http://online.wsj.com/article/APd694f71d80684c58ac3a715710714e85.html>

34. *June 22, Augusta Chronicle* – (Georgia) **Overflow at Highland treatment plant.** An operator error at Augusta Utilities' Highland Avenue water treatment plant in Augusta, Georgia caused thousands of gallons of water to overflow from storage tanks June 22. "They increased production through the plant because demand was rising," the utilities director said. "They increased it too much, too quickly, and we overflowed the clear wells for a few minutes." The overflow lasted about 15 minutes, he said. The plant treats around 30 million gallons of water per day.

Source: <http://chronicle.augusta.com/latest-news/2011-06-22/overflow-highland-treatment-plant?v=1308743316>

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## Public Health and Healthcare Sector

35. *June 22, Associated Press* – (Oregon) **21-year-old allegedly posed as doctor and gave medical advice, police say.** A man accused of posing as a doctor at Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) in Portland, Oregon is facing charges after a woman’s inquiry about where she should go for a scheduled surgery led to an investigation and arrest. The 21-year-old was charged with criminal mistreatment, theft, and practicing medicine without a license in what OHSU officials said June 22 was a case of impersonating a doctor, the Portland Oregonian reported. A 45-year-old woman approached an information desk at OHSU Hospital to ask about her scheduled surgery and said her doctor was the man accused, OHSU officials said. The woman said she had met with him a couple times to prepare for her surgery. Hospital staff could find no record of him and began an investigation that resulted in his June 20 arrest, an OHSU spokesman said. The woman told officials she met him at the Portland VA Medical Center, near OHSU. He arranged a medical consultation at an OHSU coffee shop, where he gave her medical advice, and counseled her on abdominal surgery. He told her he was a second-year resident in plastic surgery, and he wore what appeared to be an OHSU identification badge, and a vest with the hospital’s name on it.  
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2011/06/22/21-year-old-allegedly-posed-as-doctor-and-gave-medical-advice-police-say/?test=latestnews>
36. *June 21, Montreal Gazette* – (National; International) **FBI ‘seeing a trend’ in surgical-instrument theft.** The theft of surgical instruments at the Montreal General and Montreal Children’s hospitals in Canada in the past 6 months are not rare incidents, but part of a “major problem” plaguing healthcare establishments across North America for years, experts said. An international black market in stolen surgical instruments and equipment is thriving — in part, because law-enforcement agencies are not taking the problem seriously enough, suggests a former police detective who investigated the theft of high-priced endoscopes in Chicago, Illinois. In the United States, numerous hospitals have been targeted by employees or thieves posing as sales representatives for companies that sell the equipment, said a spokesman who used to work as a detective with the Veterans Administration Police in Chicago. In England, National Health Service officials suspect criminal gangs have been stealing expensive diagnostic equipment — including endoscopes — for sale on the black market in eastern Europe and Africa. In Montreal, thieves have stolen several sets of surgical instruments worth tens of thousands of dollars from the Montreal General and Montreal Children’s hospitals since November. The surgical kits are used in orthopedic and trauma surgery.  
Source:  
<http://www.montrealgazette.com/health/seeing+trend+surgical+instrument+theft/4978502/story.html>
37. *June 21, WCAX 3 Burlington* – (Vermont) **Health officials warning of measles in Central Vermont.** Measles had not been detected in Vermont for a decade until now; one case earlier this month and another that has not yet been confirmed by lab results, but health officials say is likely. And they have issued a measles alert for central Vermont. Three weeks ago lab tests confirmed an unvaccinated adult in southeastern Vermont had the first case of measles in the state in 10 years, but with ongoing

outbreaks in Albany, New York, Boston, and Quebec, officials say they do not believe the Vermont cases are connected. In Vermont health officials say 92 percent of children are vaccinated, but say a 95 percent vaccination level is seen as the goal to prevent disease outbreaks. Nationally about 90 percent of children are vaccinated. Doctors say people born before 1957 are safe because they have already been exposed to measles, but anyone else should call for a vaccine if they think they have been exposed.

Source: <http://www.wcax.com/story/14952963/health-officials-warning-of-measles-in-central-vermont?redirected=true>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

38. *June 23, The Register* – (Missouri) **Man infects college PCs to steal huge database.** A former college student has admitted taking part in a criminal scheme that used malware to steal and sell large databases of faculty and alumni, change grades, and siphon funds from other students' accounts. The 21-year-old man pleaded guilty in federal court in Kansas City, Missouri, to computer hacking conspiracy and computer intrusion June 22, according to prosecutors. Charges against his alleged accomplice, a 27-year-old man, are pending, court documents indicated. According to an indictment filed in November 2010, the men developed malware and installed it on the computers of students, faculty, and staff at the University of Central Missouri using many strategies. Ruses included the offer to show vacation photos contained on a thumb drive, and manually installing it on public PCs. The malware contained a backdoor that allowed them to capture passwords used to access restricted parts of the university network, and to spy on computer users through webcams. Prosecutors said the duo managed to install the malware on at least one university administrator's computer, and also succeeded in stealing the login credentials of a residence hall director. Eventually, they used their unauthorized access to conduct fraudulent financial transactions in which they transferred funds into accounts they controlled. They also attempted to sell a database of personal information they stole.

Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/06/23/computer\\_hacking\\_guilty\\_plea/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/06/23/computer_hacking_guilty_plea/)

39. *June 23, WGCL 19 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **Powerful winds damage Douglas County High School rooftop.** Strong storms ripped parts of the roof of Douglas County High School in Douglasville, Georgia June 22. Insulation and roofing shingles scattered the parking lot and grass outside the school. Fire officials told CBS Atlanta News the worst storm damage in the county was located at Douglas County High School. A school district spokeswoman said crews were making emergency repairs to the roof the night of June 22.

Source: <http://www.cbsatlanta.com/story/14960538/powerful-winds-damage-douglasville-high-school-rooftop>

40. *June 22, Associated Press* – (District of Columbia) **False alarm from bomb-sniffing dog leads to street closures near White House.** The U.S. Secret Service said a bomb-sniffing dog detected something suspicious while inspecting a dump truck near the

White House in Washington D.C., June 22, but a thorough search uncovered nothing dangerous. The alert from the dog led the Secret Service to close Lafayette Park and some streets around the White House for about an hour. A Secret Service spokesman said it was not clear what the dog smelled, but noted that the truck was not a threat.

Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/false-alarm-from-bomb-sniffing-dog-leads-to-street-closures-near-white-house/2011/06/22/AGjxZsfH\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/false-alarm-from-bomb-sniffing-dog-leads-to-street-closures-near-white-house/2011/06/22/AGjxZsfH_story.html)

41. *June 22, Associated Press* – (Virginia; Washington, D.C.) **Va. man charged in 2010 DC-area military shootings.** A U.S. Marine Corps reservist arrested in a security scare near the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, the week of June 13 was charged June 23 in a series of pre-dawn shootings at military buildings in the Washington D.C. area last year. Federal prosecutors said in court documents they found bomb-making materials in a backpack carried by the 22-year-old, and found a list of suspicious items inside his home. They also said authorities discovered a video he took of himself firing shots outside one building last fall and repeatedly saying the Arabic words “Allahu Akbar,” which means “God is Great.” He was detained June 17 for trespassing inside Arlington National Cemetery. Investigators said he carried a backpack with some ammonium nitrate, which is widely used in explosives and is available commercially as fertilizer; a spiral notebook containing references to al-Qa’ida and Osama bin Laden; spent 9 mm shell casings; and cans of spray paint. Authorities also recovered a videotape from his bedroom that shows him firing shots out the passenger-side window of his car outside the National Museum of the Marine Corps. Inside his home, authorities found numbered items — including alkaline battery, battery connector for 9 volt, LED light, and epoxy or super glue — consistent with making a bomb. Investigators said forensic evidence links the suspect to five shootings last October and November, including at a U.S. Coast Guard recruiting office, a Marine Corps recruiting sub-station, and near the Pentagon. He was charged in two of the shootings, outside the Pentagon and the National Museum of the Marine Corps. An official has said the suspect has no known ties to al-Qa’ida or any other terrorist organization.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5i72MzeKFFwTwkJZgVoPQmC2qHIZg?docId=d24b688a9a1b47e59a87541b273bd395>

42. *June 22, Renton Reporter* – (Washington) **Home-made bomb detonated outside the downtown library.** What appeared to be a home-made bomb comprised of fireworks was detonated by a bomb squad at 2:12 p.m. June 22 outside the downtown library on Mill Avenue in Renton, Washington. Renton police had evacuated the library about 1 p.m. after library employees found an unidentified “device” in a bag in the bushes near the Cedar River Trail. They called police and the library was evacuated and bomb-disposal specialists were called in. The secured area around the library was enlarged as a bomb-detecting robot prepared to check the bag at about 1:40 p.m. Police closed Mill Avenue South, and the parking lot at the old Renton City Hall building on Mill Avenue was also closed. Mill, the parking lot, and the library reopened shortly after the bomb was detonated. Police and federal agents are conducting an investigation.

Source: <http://www.seattlepi.com/local/sound/article/Home-made-bomb-detonated-outside-the-downtown-1435946.php>

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## Emergency Services Sector

43. *June 23, WYFF 4 Greenville* – (South Carolina) **Woman tries to run down S.C. EMTs.** An Anderson County, South Carolina woman is charged with attempted murder after deputies said she aimed her car at an EMS crew who had responded to a call for help at her home. Someone from the home on Dursely Drive in the Kings Grant subdivision called 911 around 11 a.m. June 21. Deputies said a woman at the house was having chest pains. Deputies said when EMS arrived, the woman, refused treatment, got into her SUV, and aimed it at emergency medical technicians. The report said she missed the crew but hit the ambulance, causing damage to the wheel well and tie-rod. From there, deputies said, the suspect drove off and refused to stop for blue lights. In an attempt to elude deputies, officers said she put her car in reverse and hit a patrol car, causing damage to the brush guard. She ended up back at the home, where she was arrested. The woman is charged with two counts of attempted murder; one in the incident with the emergency medical crew, the other for allegedly trying to stab her husband with a knife before the 911 call. She was being held in the Anderson County Detention Center.  
Source: <http://www.emsworld.com/article/article.jsp?id=17416&siteSection=1>
44. *June 22, Hays Free Press* – (Texas) **County moves toward single 911 call center.** Hays County, Texas is closer to a combined emergency communication center after county commissioners supported a resolution proposed by the sheriff's office June 21. The proposal would provide a joint location for 911 call centers and dispatch of police, fire, and emergency services for the entire county. Currently, San Marcos, Kyle, and Texas State University each has its own location and operates individually. The sheriff's department provides command-and-control resources for areas outside Kyle and San Marcos city limits as well as Buda, Wimberley, Dripping Springs, and Driftwood. The Hays County Sheriff's Office public safety answering point manager, said the unification will streamline emergency communication throughout the county. She said the single site will still be safe even though the command-and-control centers will be located in the same building and sharing the same equipment. Each will individually operate its own 9-1-1 dispatch and will have a computer contingency plan in place as well as a back-up center at a different location.  
Source: <http://haysfreepress.com/archives/20737>
45. *June 22, Detroit News* – (Michigan) **Ex-cop admits he tipped off Highwaymen to FBI probe.** A former Hamtramck, Michigan police officer has pleaded guilty to tipping off a leader of the Highwaymen Motorcycle Club that the FBI was investigating the group. The former officer pleaded guilty June 21 in federal court in Detroit to one count of providing notice of a federal wiretap. He faces up to 5 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. It is the latest victory for the government in its crackdown on the Highwaymen club, which already has yielded convictions of several high-ranking members. The case and FBI investigation is one of the largest ever conducted in the

eastern district of Michigan and yielded indictments against more than 90 alleged members. In fall 2005, while working as a task force officer with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the former officer learned the FBI was conducting a wiretap investigation of a large-scale marijuana dealer who also was a member of the Highwaymen. Soon after, he ran into the Downriver chapter president of the Highwaymen, and told him about the FBI investigation and that he had to be careful, according to prosecutors.

Source:

<http://www.detnews.com/article/20110622/METRO/106220425/1409/metro/Ex-cop-admits-he-tipped-off-Highwaymen-to-FBI-probe>

46. *June 22, KRQE 13 Albuquerque* – (New Mexico) **FBI, MDC papers found in parking lot.** A woman discovered papers and letters from the FBI to the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Detention Center (MDC) at a donation drop box in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The letters date back a decade and contain fingerprint records from inmates, as well as their criminal histories. The FBI said six more boxes were discovered inside the drop-off site. MDC is conducting an investigation and said if an employee is responsible, they will be disciplined.

Source: [http://www.kasa.com/dpps/news/crime/fbi-mdc-papers-found-in-parking-lot\\_3856917](http://www.kasa.com/dpps/news/crime/fbi-mdc-papers-found-in-parking-lot_3856917)

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## **Information Technology Sector**

47. *June 22, Computerworld* – (International) **Feds bust international gangs distributing scareware products.** Federal law enforcement authorities working in cooperation with their counterparts in more than 10 countries disrupted the operations of 2 gangs responsible for distributing malicious scareware programs to more than 1 million people. Two Latvian citizens were indicted and more than 40 computers and several bank accounts were seized in connection with the action dubbed Operation Trident Tribunal. The two individuals face up to 20 years in prison if they are convicted on all charges. A statement issued by the FBI June 22 said the two Latvians were arrested June 21 in Rezekne, Latvia, for allegedly distributing and selling nearly \$2 million worth of such scareware products. The two were charged with wire fraud, conspiracy to commit wire fraud, and computer fraud. An indictment unsealed in federal court in Minneapolis, Minnesota, accused the two of creating a fake advertising agency, and using it to plant a malicious advertisement in the Minneapolis Star Tribune with the intent of distributing scareware.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9217866/Update\\_Feds\\_bust\\_international\\_gangs\\_distributing\\_scareware\\_products](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9217866/Update_Feds_bust_international_gangs_distributing_scareware_products)

48. *June 22, Help Net Security* – (International) **Bad software patches cause critical IT failure.** Half of businesses have suffered at least one business critical IT failure as a

result of installing a bad software patch, according to a new study from GFI Software. The research also revealed that a quarter of those surveyed suffer recurring IT failures and lost productivity resulting from software bugs and incompatibilities introduced by badly developed software updates. Commitment to deploying critical updates quickly is clear, with 90 percent of those surveyed applying patches within the first 2 weeks after they are released. However, for many the process remains a manual one, with 45 percent not using a dedicated patch management solution to distribute and manage software updates. This lack of automation is a major contributing factor that explains why 72 percent of surveyed decision makers do not deploy within the all-important first 24 hours after a critical patch is released to the public.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=11208>

49. *June 21, Dark Reading* – (International) **Malware increasingly being signed with stolen certificates.** Cybercriminals are increasingly targeting developers’ systems to steal the private keys used to sign software. Programs signed with a digital certificate are considered safer by the operating system and security software, and the authors of malicious software have caught on. Thousands of certificates have been stolen and are being used by malware, according to the chief technology officer of AVG. In a quarterly security report, AVG found that in the first half of 2011, three times as many certificates were used to sign malware than the first half of 2010. Companies need to better protect their certificates, and security software should become more skeptical of signed code, AVG’s CTO said.

Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/advanced-threats/167901091/security/application-security/231000129/malware-increasingly-being-signed-with-stolen-certificates.html>

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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

50. *June 21, Fierce Government IT* – (National) **Federal government has dot-secure Internet domain under consideration.** The federal government is considering creating a separate Internet domain for private sector critical infrastructure, one that would be subject to monitoring by the government for cyber threats, a federal official said during a June 21 Senate hearing. The idea of a dot-secure domain is “under great discussion among the interagency groups that work on these issues,” said the Internet policy advisor at the National Institute of Standards and Technology. He spoke before a panel of the Senate Judiciary crime and terrorism subcommittee. During the hearing, the panel chairman also criticized the White House cybersecurity proposal for not

going farther in requiring private and public sector entities to disclose cybersecurity events.

Source: <http://www.fiercegovernmentit.com/story/federal-government-has-dot-secure-internet-domain-under-consideration/2011-06-21>

51. *June 21, Wall Street Journal* – (International) **Web addresses enter new era.** The organization that regulates the world's Internet domain names approved changes June 20 that could allow anyone to register any name they like in almost any language as a Web address. The new rules affect what the industry calls top-level domain names, the familiar dot-coms and dot-nets that end every Web address. Now, instead of having to use one of those existing forms, users will be able to end their addresses with the name of their company, such as dot-Ford, or their city, like dot-Berlin. If successful, the change could alleviate a shortage of dot-com Web addresses and produce hundreds of millions of dollars in business for the companies whose business is managing the Internet's vast registries, as well as those selling the names, called registrars. Companies could gain new tools for highlighting their identities and networking with suppliers and distributors. The shift, however, could also cause anxiety and disputes among governments, companies and other entities in safeguarding their brands and identities in cyberspace. Those seeking religious or political names, for example, could lead to sensitive situations. Companies, even those that are happy with dot-com and are not interested in adopting a new domain-name suffix, will have to monitor the process to head off any potential trademark or brand-name infringement from other applicants, Internet experts said.

Source:

[http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052702303936704576396963900727284.html?mod=googlenews\\_wsj](http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052702303936704576396963900727284.html?mod=googlenews_wsj)

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## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

52. *June 23, KAIT 8 Jonesboro* – (Arkansas) **Man arrested in downtown Harrisburg fire.** Harrisburg, Arkansas, police made an arrest June 23 in connection with a June 22 fire in downtown Harrisburg. The Harrisburg police chief confirmed the arrest of a man for suspicion of starting the fire that destroyed the American Legion Post and the Jennings Law Office next door. So far, no charges have been filed. According to the fire chief, the Legion Post 14 building and Jennings and Collier law firm were torched when fire consumed most everything inside. Heavy smoke billowed from the buildings as firefighters, police and other emergency personnel worked to extinguish the flames. High winds also increased the threat for the fire to spread to homes. The fire chief said the fire drew a response from 35 firefighters and 8 pieces of apparatus. Officials said the back door of the Legion building appeared to have been kicked in, and several items were reported stolen.

Source: <http://www.kait8.com/story/14953659/police-suspects-being-developed-in-suspicious-overnight-fire>

53. *June 23, Associated Press* – (Kentucky) **Churchill Downs barns, chapel damaged.** A tornado smashed horse stables at the home of the Kentucky Derby, but the legendary track will get back to racing June 24 after events were postponed for a day. No people or horses were hurt at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky during the June 22 storm, and its famed twin spires, grandstand and clubhouse were undamaged. The Churchill Downs president said it was the first tornado to strike the 136-year-old track, which is near downtown Louisville. The National Weather Service surveyed the area and determined that a tornado touched down in the barnyard, though the force of the twister has not been determined, a statement from Churchill Downs said. Workers and trainers scrambled to pull horses from stables as the storm caved in roofs and tossed debris June 22. Some 7 of the 48 barns and the track's chapel were damaged. Churchill Downs said the races canceled June 23 would not be made up. The track has arranged to evacuate roughly 150 horses to the nearby Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center if needed. Track officials were also working with the American Red Cross and local emergency management officials to provide temporary shelter for about 100 stable workers whose accommodations were damaged by the winds.  
Source: <http://msn.foxsports.com/horseracing/story/tornado-damages-barns-at-churchill-downs-leaves-horses-running-loose-062211/?GT1=39002>
54. *June 22, Cleveland Plain Dealer* – (Ohio) **Hotel evacuated when meth lab catches fire.** About 50 people were evacuated from a hotel on Ohio 43 in Brimfield, Ohio June 21 when a methamphetamine laboratory set up in a motel room caught fire. The Brimfield police chief said police and the Brimfield Fire Department responded to a fire alarm at the Econo Lodge at 6:16 p.m. and found smoke in the hallway. "The man in the room refused to let officers inside, even though smoke was coming from the room," he said. "The officer looked into the room and saw a gas mask and realized it was a meth lab." Police arrested a 47-year-old Akron, Ohio man on felony charges of drug trafficking and illegal manufacturing of drugs. Because of the dangerous nature of drugs used in the methamphetamine manufacturing process, a special team was called in to clean up the hotel. The 50 or so guests in 27 rooms were relocated to another hotel across the street. No one was injured.  
Source:  
[http://blog.cleveland.com/metro/2011/06/hotel\\_evacuated\\_when\\_meth\\_lab.html](http://blog.cleveland.com/metro/2011/06/hotel_evacuated_when_meth_lab.html)
55. *June 22, Associated Press* – (California) **Ride at SD County Fair closed after 2 injured.** A ride at the San Diego County Fair in Del Mar, California remained closed after a 16-year-old girl and a ride operator were injured on it June 21. A spokeswoman for the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) said June 22 the Techno Power ride suddenly started up again as riders were exiting. The teenager suffered scrapes. The spokeswoman told the San Diego Union-Tribune that Cal/OSHA is investigating whether the incident was caused by a ride malfunction or operator mistake. the ride will remain closed until the investigation is over. The ride passed its most recent inspection May 29.  
Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2011/06/22/3720905/ride-at-sd-county-fair-closed.html>

56. *June 22, WHBQ 13 Memphis* – (Tennessee) **North Memphis church destroyed by fire.** An overnight fire left a North Memphis, Tennessee church burned to the ground June 22. Fire broke out at St. Paul A.M.E. Church on McNeil just after 1 a.m. While Memphis firefighters were able to bring the fire under control quickly, the building was completely destroyed. There were no injuries. The cause of the fire is under investigation.  
Source: <http://www.myfoxmemphis.com/dpp/news/local/north-memphis-church-destroyed-by-fire-rpt-20110622>
57. *June 22, City of Rocky Mount* – (North Carolina) **Hazardous material found in Rocky Mount home.** Emergency responders and North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation agents responded to a home on Parham Street in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, June 22 where they found picric acid in an old First Aid kit from the 1930's & 1940's. In crystalized form, picric acid is shock sensitive. A collector of Girl Scout memorabilia discovered the hazardous material and notified authorities. Following protocol, fire officials evacuated 80 residents within 330 feet within all directions.  
Source: <http://www2.wnct.com/news/2011/jun/22/hazardous-material-found-rocky-mount-home-ar-1145010/>

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

58. *June 23, Eugene Register-Guard* – (Oregon) **Illegal dumping of paint will cost BLM thousands.** Hundreds of gallons of industrial paint illegally dumped along a back road near Marcola, Oregon, will cost the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) as much as \$10,000 to clean up. The BLM, which manages 288,000 acres in Lane County, learned about the paint cans the week of June 13 from a concerned resident, a BLM district spokesman said. The agency found 279 one-gallon cans off a BLM road west of Marcola and south of Buck Mountain. Some of the cans were riddled with bullet holes and were oozing paint. The industrial-grade oil-based paints contained the toxic chemicals ethylbenzene and xylene, the spokesman said. A BLM hazardous materials specialist said, “[The chemicals] can cause damage to human/animal nervous systems and kill vegetation.” The federal Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry reports that animals exposed even for a few days to relatively low concentrations of ethylbenzene experienced irreversible damage to the inner ear and hearing, while long-term exposure has been shown to cause kidney damage in animals. Low-level xylene exposure damages animals’ kidneys, lungs, heart, and nervous system, while short-term exposure to high concentrations can cause muscular spasms and death, according to the federal health agency. The BLM hazmat specialist said it was fortunate the paint had not yet seeped into the groundwater.  
Source: <http://www.registerguard.com/web/newslocalnews/26435224-41/paint-blm-cans-agency-cleanup.html.csp>

59. *June 22, Lake County Record-Bee* – (California) **Explosive device found at illegal grow site.** The discovery of an apparent explosive device by the Lake County Sheriff's Marijuana Suppression Unit during eradication operations resulted in a coordinated response by multiple allied agencies June 21. At about 8:45 a.m., sheriff's deputies, U.S. Bureau of Land Management agents, and a Campaign Against Marijuana Planting team with the California Department of Justice were inserted by helicopter into an illegal marijuana growing operation in the area of Dry Creek Road and Highway 175 near the Sonoma County line. Shortly after their insertion, deputies were approaching an unoccupied camp in the middle of the grow when they found an explosive device. It consisted of 15 to 20, 12-gauge shotgun rounds taped together with a small circuit board and positive/negative leads attached to an ATV-sized battery. Two bomb technicians were inserted by helicopter and after disabling the device, the bomb team determined it was not functional. Officials believe the device was left to stall eradication efforts and allow suspects to flee without being pursued. After the illegal grow was secured and rendered safe, the marijuana suppression operation resumed, and deputies ultimately eradicated more than 21,000 marijuana plants. The operation concluded at about 5 p.m. and no suspects were located.  
Source: [http://www.record-bee.com/ci\\_18335457](http://www.record-bee.com/ci_18335457)
60. *June 22, Associated Press* – (Arizona; New Mexico) **1 of 3 big Arizona wildfires expected to be contained by Wednesday evening.** Fire crews were making major strides in corralling three major wildfires that have been burning in Arizona for weeks, and they expected to have one of the fires contained by the evening of June 22. The 348-square-mile fire that will be the first contained has burned through almost an entire forest atop southeastern Arizona's Chiricahua mountains. The forest supports a huge diversity of plants and animals and is a world-renowned bird watching area. The fire was tamed because it burned across the whole mountain range, said a spokeswoman for the team that battled the huge blaze since it broke out May 8. The Chiricahua is one of the state's "sky island" mountain ranges that rise from the surrounding desert and grasslands and are not connected to other ranges. It is part of the Coronado National Forest. The fire destroyed 9 homes and 14 other buildings. About 10,000 people were evacuated at one time in the battle against the largest fire, which began May 29 and has burned 828 square miles in eastern Arizona. All but a handful of people are back home, with the small town of Luna, New Mexico, reopened June 22. The blaze continues to churn through forest along the New Mexico border, especially on the fire's rugged south and southeast sides. Meanwhile, a fire in the Huachuca Mountains in southern Arizona has been burning since June 12. It has consumed 42 square miles and 57 homes on the outskirts of Sierra Vista, about 15 miles north of the Mexican border. The fire is 59 percent contained.  
Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/environment/1-of-3-big-arizona-wildfires-expected-to-be-contained-by-wednesday-evening/2011/06/22/AGyx0bgH\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/environment/1-of-3-big-arizona-wildfires-expected-to-be-contained-by-wednesday-evening/2011/06/22/AGyx0bgH_story.html)
61. *June 22, Reuters* – (Texas) **Rain gives crews battling Texas wildfires a reprieve.** Rains over east Texas June 22 gave firefighters some relief in battling a devastating wildfire that has displaced 1,800 people and destroyed dozens of homes, authorities said. Up to 2 inches of rain fell the night of June 21, soaking a swath of

Texas from San Antonio to the Louisiana border, and a lighter rain continued the afternoon of June 22. The break in weather, fire officials said, helped them contain 75 percent of the Dyer Mill Fire, which has burned 5,280 acres since it erupted about an hour outside Houston June 19. The fire displaced some 1,800 people and charred 35 homes. In drought-parched west Texas, which saw no rain, the largest wildfire burning in the state grew significantly overnight. The White Hat fire, an hour's drive from Abilene, was measured at 70,559 acres by the afternoon of June 22, and fire crews had contained 50 percent of its perimeter, authorities said.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/06/22/us-wildfires-idUSTRE75L6N020110622>

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## **Dams Sector**

62. *June 24, Xinhua* – (International) **Three Gorges Dam sees first flood.** The Three Gorges Dam on China's Yangtze River saw its first flood of the year June 23. Around 8 p.m., the water flow rate in the upper reaches of the river reached 39,000 cubic meters per second (cms), according to the director of the Three Gorges Cascade Dispatching Center. The criteria for defining a flood on the Three Gorges Dam is a water flow rate of 35,000 cms or higher. The flood was caused by heavy rains that began pounding the Jialing River basin in the upper reaches of the Yangtze June 22. By 9 p.m., water levels at the Three Gorges Reservoir reached 147.28 meters, about 2 meters higher than the day's lowest level. To ease pressure on downstream areas, the Yangtze River Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters ordered the Three Gorges Reservoir to gradually increase the amount of water that it discharges to the river's lower reaches. Source: <http://english.cri.cn/6909/2011/06/24/2741s644517.htm>
63. *June 23, Omaha World-Herald* – (Iowa; Nebraska) **600 Iowans told to evacuate.** A mandatory evacuation was ordered June 23 for about 600 people in western Fremont County, Iowa, amid fears a federal levee on the Missouri River could be overtopped. If the levee breaks, floodwaters of up to 10 feet could swamp the communities of McPaul, Bartlett, and Percival, as well as hundreds of acres of farmland. Just north of Hamburg, near the Nebraska City bridge that connects Nebraska City, Nebraska with Fremont County, floodwaters were within inches of the top of the levee, the county's emergency management director said. The levees are built to withstand about 28 feet of water; floodwaters near the federal levees reached 27.8 feet June 22. Hamburg is not affected by the recent order. The emergency levees constructed around that town after a levee broke earlier in June were still holding early June 23. Source: <http://www.omaha.com/article/20110623/NEWS01/706239875/0>
64. *June 23, MSNBC* – (North Dakota) **Higher flood crest to hit Minot; new evacuations.** New evacuation orders were issued June 23 in North Dakota, after federal officials said they would dramatically increase the flow of water into the Souris River from a dam upstream on Lake Darling. NBC station KMOT of Minot, North Dakota

reported that the Army Corps of Engineers intended to raise the water release from 16,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 22,000 cfs by 6 p.m., June 23. Another planned increase on June 24 will bring the flow to 28,000 cfs and will result in a 3 to 4 foot rise in the previously expected river crest. Officials say the water released June 23 night would reach Minot by the evening June 24. More than 10,000 residents fled the city and the area under evacuation orders expanded. Officials announced the closure of the Broadway Bridge, which shut down a key north-south artery in the city. Officials in Burlington, North Dakota, said a new mandatory evacuation was issued.

Source: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/43506333/ns/weather/>

65. *June 23, msnbc.com, Reuters, and Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **Furious effort to raise levees in ND town.** Crews in Minot, North Dakota, worked furiously June 23 to raise earthen levees in a last-ditch effort to protect some neighborhoods in the town from the rising Souris River, expected to crest June 26 or 27. The effort was focused on protecting critical infrastructure, including sewer and water service, because more evacuations could become necessary if either is knocked out by flooding. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers drew water down above the Lake Darling Dam so that later releases do not have to be as big. Two shelters opened, one at the city's auditorium and the other at the athletic facility dome at Minot State University, both equipped with water, food, mental health professionals, and nurses. They were nearing the combined capacity of 1,000 by June 22.

Source: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/43506333/ns/weather/>

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