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- The Associated Press reports firefighters in New Mexico were battling a wildfire that threatened the Los Alamos nuclear laboratory, and an above-ground storage site holding as many as 30,000, 55-gallon drums of plutonium-contaminated waste. (See item [16](#))
- According to the Associated Press, a former Citigroup vice president embezzled \$19.2 million from the bank through a series of secret money transfers, federal prosecutors said June 27. (See item [51](#))

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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 27, Radio Iowa* – (Iowa) **Storm knocks out power to thousands.** Winds approaching 100 miles-per-hour June 27 slammed parts of north-central Iowa, and it was expected to take until June 28 before the power was restored to all homes and businesses in the region. A spokeswoman for MidAmerican Energy said at the peak of the storm, 21,000 Iowa customers lost power, though most were back online by late June 27. The spokeswoman said about a 1,000 Webster County residents were still

without electricity, and that crews were working to get it restored as safely and as quickly as possible. She said the severe weather did a lot of damage to trees, snapping off limbs, and in some cases, knocking down utility poles or ripping electric lines from the poles. Crews have been brought in from Waterloo, but it may be 24 to 36 hours before all the power is restored.

Source: <http://www.radioiowa.com/2011/06/27/storm-knocks-out-power-to-thousands/>

2. *June 27, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **Coal miner killed in W.Va. accident.** A miner working to support the roof at a southern West Virginia underground coal mine was killed June 27 when part of the mine’s wall collapsed, regulators said. The man was working at Rhino Eastern’s Eagle No. 1 near Bolt when he was crushed by a 100-inch-high, 32-foot-long piece of the wall, a spokeswoman for the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration said. The man was preparing to set roof support timbers and was shoveling along the mine wall about 1 a.m. when he was struck, said a spokeswoman for the West Virginia Office of Miners’ Health Safety and Training. The death was West Virginia’s third mining fatality, and the nation’s seventh, in 2011. Rhino Resource Partners, the majority owner of the Raleigh County mine, said it has idled the operation during the investigation.
Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9O4F81O2.htm>
3. *June 27, Associated Press* – (Illinois) **Ameren: 28,000 still blacked out in Ill. after storms packing high winds push through state.** Ameren crews were scrambling to restore electricity to nearly 28,000 homes and businesses left without power after storms rolled through Illinois June 27, also knocking out power to Quincy’s water-treatment plant. Most service was expected to be restored by the end of the day June 29, with some outages lingering into June 30, a spokesman for the utility told the Quincy Herald-Whig. He said additional severe weather forecast for the area could complicate those plans. Ameren said at least 14,000 of the affected customers were in Quincy. The mayor declared a state of emergency for the 40,000-resident city. Officials said Quincy was buffeted by winds of roughly 80 mph, toppling trees and power lines while disrupting electrical service to the city’s water-treatment site A spokesman said no damage was apparent in Ameren’s high-energy transmission lines, and there were no immediate reports of injuries.
Source:
<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/b3ec4294e4064955ae488590af15719a/IL--Illinois-Storms-Outages/>
4. *June 27, Charleston Gazette* – (West Virginia) **Ohio man awarded \$5.6 million in AEP plant explosion suit.** An Ohio jury awarded a man who injured his shoulder in an American Electric Power (AEP) plant explosion more than \$5.6 million the week of June 20, on claims that the company deliberately intended to cause injuries by refusing to correct a problem at the facility. The explosion in 2007 at the plant in Beverly, West Virginia, was caused by a problem with one of the plant’s hydrogen storage tanks, the release states. Plant officials apparently knew that the tanks were unsafe, and wrote in pre-explosion documents that “it was a ‘miracle’ someone had not been killed” in a previous, similar incident, according to the law firm.
Source: <http://wvgazette.com/News/201106275835>

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Chemical Industry Sector

5. *June 28, WCMH 4 Columbus* – (Ohio) **3 East Side freeway ramps open again after semi crash.** All three East Side freeway ramps reopened to traffic June 28 more than 11 hours after a semi overturned and spills hazardous materials on the roadway in Columbus, Ohio. A tractor-trailer overturned on the ramp from I-70 westbound to I-270 southbound at about 1:30 p.m. June 27. The ramps from I-70 westbound to I-270 southbound and I-270 southbound to I-70 westbound reopened shortly after midnight. Columbus Fire's HAZMAT team said the materials in the double-trailer posed fire and respiratory hazards. The tractor-trailer was carrying a mixed load of auto parts, auto paints, and medicine bottles, according to the battalion chief. There were about 6,500 pounds of paint-related products in the trailers. The paint products were petroleum-based, and the related materials were solvates. The driver was not hurt in the incident. . Source: <http://www2.nbc4i.com/news/2011/jun/27/13/east-side-ramps-back-open-after-hazmat-crash-ar-569511/>

6. *June 27, Kalamazoo Gazette* – (Michigan) **Stolen ammonia tank found — empty of hazardous 1,000-gallon load.** A 1,000-gallon tank of anhydrous ammonia stolen June 25 from a farm field in Leonidas Township, Michigan, was found June 27 on Longnecker Road north of Mendon, empty. The assistant manager of Crop Production Services, the company that owns the tank, said the tank was full when it was stolen. She said it appeared that none of the product had leaked during transfer, suggesting “obviously the person knew what they were doing.” The theft is still believed to be the work of methamphetamine manufacturers, she said. The transfer would have required empty receiving tank or tanks, she said. If empty propane tanks were used, she said the valve could easily fail at some point, creating a hazard. The tank, delivered to a farm field June 24, was full of 2 tons of fertilizer. The tank was clearly marked indicating that the ammonia was treated with GloTell, a substance that dyes the product bright pink and makes it unsuitable for meth production. Source: http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2011/06/stolen_ammonia_tank_found_-_e.html

7. *June 27, WBFO 88.7 Buffalo* – (New York) **Explosive fire ravages Depew salvage yard.** An estimated 100 firefighters from five local companies were called to a June 27 fire at Twin Village Recycling in Depew, New York. Investigators said the fire was started accidentally by an employee working with a torch. A section of Broadway was closed for several hours as firefighters took on flames that engulfed numerous hazardous materials, the Depew fire chief said. Two firefighters were treated for heat exhaustion. Source: <http://www.publicbroadcasting.net/wbfo/news.newsmain/article/1/0/1820853/WBFO.News/Explosive.fire.ravages.Depew.salvage.yard>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

8. *June 28, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **Cotter Corp. has Colorado’s OK to dump radioactive sludge into leaking pond.** State health officials are letting Cotter Corporation dump 90,000 gallons of radioactive sludge and solvents from its uranium mill into an impoundment pond that officials have said is leaking. Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment officials said this will not worsen groundwater contamination near Canon City because underground barriers would confine it near the impoundment. But a lawsuit filed by environmental advocates seeks judicial review of this and other decisions made by the state as the plant is dismantled. Toxic plumes have been detected moving underground toward Canon City and the Arkansas River. Most recently, officials disclosed the cancer-causing chemical trichloroethylene has been detected in groundwater at concentrations up to 360 times U.S. health limits.
Source: http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_18366459

9. *June 27, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **NJ eyes pumps, power sources at nuclear plants.** A task force set up to examine emergency plans at New Jersey’s four nuclear reactors wants more pumps at the plants, and is seeking to ensure that emergency generators at three plants in Salem County are interconnected enough to function in a disaster. The task force examined emergency response arrangements; conducted technical reviews of plant operations; and examined evacuation plans, emergency communications to the public and the chain of command and control at each of the state’s nuclear facilities. It called for increasing the number of emergency diesel pumps at nuclear plants to handle cooling for all damaged systems. It also recommended adding video monitors to view the spent fuel pool level from multiple locations; creating regional agreements between nuclear plant operators to provide access to pumps and generators; and pressing federal authorities to come up with a permanent national depository for spent nuclear fuel. The report also recommended ensuring that battery backup is installed in a timely manner for the emergency siren network surrounding Oyster Creek. The task force plans to issue its final response in the fall of 2011. Until then, the utilities and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission will be invited to comment on the preliminary recommendations.
Source: <http://www.stamfordadvocate.com/news/article/NJ-eyes-pumps-power-sources-at-nuclear-plants-1442500.php>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

10. *June 28, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Wisconsin) **US Labor Department’s OSHA cites R and B Grinding Co. in Racine, Wis., for safety and health violations; nearly \$106,000 proposed in fine.** The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration announced June 28 that it has cited R & B Grinding Co. Inc. in Racine, Wisconsin, for 24 alleged safety and health violations. The manufacturing company faces penalties of \$105,930. One repeat safety violation with a proposed penalty of \$24,750 was cited when investigators found foot pedals for machines were not protected from accidental operation. R & B Grinding was cited for the same violation in 2007. Sixteen serious safety violations with proposed penalties of \$69,300 include exposing workers to struck-by hazards; having an inadequate lockout/tagout program for energy sources to prevent machinery from starting up unexpectedly; modifying a forklift without the written permission of the manufacturer; lacking adequate machine guarding; and missing electrical switch covers and other electrical violations. Two serious health violations with proposed penalties of \$11,880 include failing: to provide audiograms for all employees with noise exposure, and to provide employees with hearing conservation training.

Source:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=20145

11. *June 27, Associated Press* – (National) **FAA seeks \$1M penalty for Boeing 777 problem.** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is pursuing a penalty of more than \$1 million against Boeing Co. because it said the airplane maker did not follow its own instructions for installing oxygen systems on the 777. The instruction turned out to be unnecessary and Boeing deleted it, a Boeing spokeswoman said. The FAA said June 27 that it found the problems when it inspected nine new planes between April and October 2010. Hoses for the passenger oxygen system were installed at a sharper angle than allowed, the FAA said. The system feeds the masks that allow passengers to get oxygen if the cabin loses pressure in flight. The Boeing spokeswoman said the hose would have had a 2 degree bend if installed according to instructions. Because the instructions were unclear, some were bent as much as 10 degrees, she said.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9O4EOAO0.htm>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Banking and Finance Sector

12. *June 28, Associated Press* – (New York) **Ex-NYC lawyer admits tax evasion in banking scheme.** A disbarred New York City, New York lawyer agreed June 27 to pay nearly \$10 million in penalties for his part in a Swiss banking scheme. The New York Post reported that the lawyer acknowledged in federal court June 27 that he didn’t pay

“a substantial amount of taxes” from 2006 through 2008. He said he knew his actions were unlawful and asked to apologize to the court. His plea deal calls for up to 37 months in prison. He was charged with evading more than \$2.3 million in federal income taxes on \$26.4 million that prosecutors said he stashed in overseas accounts at banking giant UBS. Six others have been charged in the scheme to conceal more than \$100 million in Swiss-based assets. Two have pleaded guilty, and two have pleaded not guilty.

Source: <http://online.wsj.com/article/APd6eb8a1413794ed6942aac6375700289.html>

13. *June 28, Asbury Park Press* – (New Jersey) **Manalapan mortgage firm officers charged with \$7.5 million refinancing scheme.** A Monmouth County, New Jersey grand jury handed up a 100-count indictment June 27 charging seven people in a multimillion-dollar mortgage refinance fraud scheme operating out of a Manalapan-based business, prosecutors said. They are charged in a more than \$7.5 million scheme to defraud homeowners and others by arranging to refinance mortgages and then failing to pay off the original mortgages, according to a Monmouth County prosecutor. The scheme also involved stealing the identities of some mortgage-refinance applicants and using them to get lending institutions to fund refinances that never occurred, the prosecutor said. A year-long investigation by the Monmouth County Prosecutor’s Office into the business practices of Hawthorne Capital Corp. uncovered multiple instances of theft and attempted theft by two employees and the conspiracy involving the other defendants named in the indictment, the prosecutor said. One employee is charged with two counts of conspiracy. Two others are each charged with 27 counts of theft, 16 counts of attempted theft, 16 counts of forgery, four counts of conspiracy, two counts of money laundering, and other charges.
Source: <http://www.app.com/article/20110628/NJNEWS/306270053/Manalapan-mortgage-firm-officers-charged-7-5-million-refinancing-scheme?odyssey=nav/head>
14. *June 28, Dow Jones Newswires* – (National) **U.S. mortgage-fraud reports up 31% in 1Q -report.** Reports of mortgage fraud in the United States rose 31 percent in the first 3 months of this year as banks scoured their files for shady loans made during the housing boom, according to a government report released June 28. The Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, a Treasury Department agency, reported 25,485 “suspicious activity reports” related to suspected mortgage fraud in the January-March 2011 period. That was up from 19,420 in the same quarter a year earlier. The increase was attributed to large mortgage servicers performing thorough reviews of loan files after receiving demands from mortgage investors to repurchase mortgages that have fallen into default. In the January-March period, 86 percent of mortgage-fraud reports involved activities that occurred more than 2 years ago.
Source: <http://www.nasdaq.com/aspx/stock-market-news-story.aspx?storyid=201106280014dowjonesdjonline000007&title=us-mortgage-fraud-reports-up-31-in-1qreport>
15. *June 28, IDG News Service* – (International) **Mastercard.com slammed again as punishment over WikiLeaks.** MasterCard’s main Web site was unavailable June 28 as it appeared hackers were again targeting the company for its refusal to process donations for the whistle-blowing site WikiLeaks. MasterCard along with companies

such as Visa, PayPal and the Swiss Bank PostFinance stopped processing payments for WikiLeaks shortly after the site began releasing portions of 250,000 secret U.S. diplomatic cables in November 2010. The hacking collective known as Anonymous spearheaded a drive to conduct distributed denial-of-service attacks against those sites. WikiLeaks wrote on Twitter June 28 that “hacktivists” had taken down MasterCard “over the continuing WikiLeaks fiscal embargo.” In another Twitter posting, it said the “unlawful banking blockade” was in its sixth month and named Visa, MasterCard, PayPal, Bank of America, and Western Union as targets.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9217980/Mastercard.com_slammed_again_as_punishment_over_WikiLeaks

16. *June 27, Associated Press* – (National) **Citigroup ex-VP arrested in NYC on fraud charges.** A former Citigroup vice president (VP) embezzled \$19.2 million from the bank in a one-man “inside job” involving a series of secret money transfers, federal prosecutors said June 27. The 35-year-old man from Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, surrendered June 26 at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York after arriving on a flight from Bangkok, Thailand. Officials at Citigroup Inc. — where the man was vice president of the treasury finance department until quitting in January — said in a statement they were “outraged by the actions of this former employee” and hoped to see him “prosecuted to the full extent of the law.” The former VP “used his knowledge of bank operations to commit the ultimate inside job,” a U.S. attorney said in a statement. According to a criminal complaint, the former VP’s department financed loans and processed wire transfers within Citigroup. From May 2009 through the end of 2010, he siphoned funds from various Citigroup accounts, placed them in the bank’s cash account, and then wired the money into his private account at another bank in New York, the complaint alleged. In one November 2010 transaction, he wired \$3.9 million from a Citigroup fund in Baltimore, Maryland to his New York account, the complaint said. That fraudulent transfer, and seven others went undetected until a recent internal audit, it said.

Source: <http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5j2w8ZzBeZ8az-qAF5nq5MA98iz8w?docId=9273d9b6f0514e4292a187ed912e80e8>

17. *June 27, CNN Money* – (National) **Citi: Millions stolen in May hack attack.** Citigroup acknowledged June 27 that a hacking incident last month stole millions of dollars from customers’ credit card accounts. Citigroup told CNN that about \$2.7 million was stolen from about 3,400 accounts on May 10. The hackers actually accessed a much larger number of accounts: 360,083. Fewer than 1 percent of the hacked accounts had money removed from them, according to Citigroup. The bank reiterated that customers will not be responsible for financial losses from the attacks. Citigroup announced June 16 that more than 200,000 new credit cards had been issued to hacked customers. In some cases, customers had already closed their account or had received a new credit card, so they didn’t need the Citi-initiated replacement. Citigroup waited until June 3, more than 3 weeks after its discovery of the hack, to start sending out notification letters. However, the company insisted that it acted quickly to deal with the security problem.

Source: http://money.cnn.com/2011/06/27/technology/citi_credit_card/

Transportation Sector

18. *June 28, KCRA 3 Sacramento* – (National) **Amtrak opted out of safety improvements.** KCRA 3 has obtained reports that indicate Amtrak opted out of safety improvements that would have aided emergency responders in the deadly Amtrak crash June 17, outside of Reno, Nevada that killed at least six people. Three days after the accident that saw a semi truck drive into the train at a railroad crossing, investigators still can't find two passengers, and Amtrak can't say whether those passengers were definitely on board because of deficiencies in their passenger accounting system. KCRA 3 found a 2002 National Transportation Safety Board report that recommended Amtrak improve its passenger accountability procedures. The 2002 report was in response to a similar deadly Amtrak accident in Crescent City, Florida. KCRA 3 obtained a U.S. Department of Transportation report responding to that recommendation. An Amtrak spokesman admitted recent technology improvements have made a better accounting system feasible. He said Amtrak is currently testing a new electronic ticketing system on the East Coast that could lead to an accurate count of passengers on board trains.
Source: <http://www.kcra.com/news/28377964/detail.html>

19. *June 28, WXIA 11 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **NW Atlanta bridge damaged in truck crash.** Hours after a 20-foot stretch of concrete and metal came crashing off a Northwest Atlanta, Georgia railroad overpass, train service along the bridge has resumed, but it will be a while before cars can travel the roadway below. Bolton Road, just west of Marietta Road, was shut down shortly after 9 a.m. June 28 after Atlanta police said a Community Waste Services of Georgia garbage truck crashed into the Southwest side of the bridge. Even though Atlanta fire officials said the truck's cab was nearly half a foot below the bridge's clearance level of 13 feet and 5 inches, a hydraulic lift on the back of the truck may have been too high. Impact on the side of the bridge suggests the lift was in a raised position when it collided with the concrete. Two people were trapped after the Southwest side of the bridge's railing broke off. It landed on the garbage truck's cab. A police captain said the man driving the truck was taken to Grady Memorial Hospital with "moderate leg injuries." A woman, who had been traveling behind the truck and hit the truck, was rescued and taken to a local hospital. City and CSX officials evaluated the bridge following the accident, and a CSX spokesman said the rail portion of the bridge was structurally sound. The bridge has two tracks, so trains could still travel along the Northeast side of the bridge, which still has a railing. Repairs to the opposite side of the bridge were underway. As of the afternoon of June 28, the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority was rerouting buses.
Source: <http://www.11alive.com/news/article/196025/3/NW-Atlanta-bridge-collapses-in-tractor-trailer-crash>

20. *June 27, CNN* – (Louisiana) **No terrorism link found in Louisiana pipe bomb discovery.** Ten homemade pipe bombs found in a pickup truck in Lockport, Louisiana are not linked to terrorism, the FBI said June 28. Investigators "determined there is no nexus to terrorism," an FBI spokeswoman said. The 10 bombs were found in a pickup

truck that wrecked on Louisiana Highway 308, police said. Most were made out of PVC pipes, but one was made out of galvanized piping, police said. Officials said the pipe bombs and some fireworks were recovered from a 1998 GMC driven by a 53-year-old of Terrytown, Louisiana. “He told us he was going to use them (the explosives) for the 4th of July celebration,” a Louisiana State Police (LSP) spokesman said. The suspect was charged with 10 counts of manufacturing and possession of a bomb, one count of failure to have a license when manufacturing an explosive, one count of improper storage of explosives, and one count of reckless handling of explosives. The suspect, a boat captain, was being treated for injuries at Thibodaux Regional Medical Center in Thibodaux, and awaiting transfer to LaFourche Parish, the LSP spokesman said. After the accident, authorities had the suspect airlifted to the hospital, where they interviewed him. His home was searched, and no additional pipe bombs were discovered, a law enforcement official said. In the accident June 27, the suspect lost control and crashed the pickup through a bridge guard rail and into a rural cane field around 8:30 a.m. Agents from the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives also took part in the investigation.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2011/US/06/28/louisiana.overtuned.truck/>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

21. *June 27, Roanoke Times* – (Virginia) **3 Botetourt men charged in mailbox bombings.** Three men from Botetourt County, Virginia, were accused of using homemade bombs to blow up at least two mailboxes near Buchanan, the sheriff’s office said. A 21-year-old, an 18-year-old, and a 20-year-old, all from Buchanan, were arrested June 26 and charged with felony possession of explosives and misdemeanor property damage, a sheriff’s office official said. The men were nabbed after a passerby spotted them driving away from an exploding mailbox, he said. The tipster tailed the pickup truck and phoned 911. At least two mailboxes were damaged. No one was injured, the official said. He said there was evidence a third mailbox was attacked. The bombs were made of household chemicals, he said. The victims appeared to have been picked at random, he said.

Source: <http://www.roanoke.com/news/breaking/wb/291246>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

22. *June 28, WSBTV 2 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **Pepsi plant evacuated after ammonia leak.** A Pepsi plant in Atlanta, Georgia, was evacuated after an ammonia leak June 27. Emergency crews swarmed the facility on Marietta Boulevard and blocked off the road. They evacuated the plant for about 3 hours as a private contractor searched for the source of the leak, which was later traced to a faulty air-conditioning system. An Atlanta fire battalion chief said the leak was significant, and inhaling ammonia could

lead to respiratory problems. Ammonia, which is flammable, is corrosive when it comes in contact with water. Crews plugged the leak and plant employees went back to work early June 28.

Source: <http://www.wsbtv.com/news/28379160/detail.html>

23. *June 28, Food Safety News* – (International) **E. coli in France linked to deadly German outbreak.** The outbreak of E. coli affecting more than a dozen victims in Bordeaux, France, is now almost conclusively linked to the ongoing epidemic of E. coli O104:H4 in Germany that has claimed the lives of 48 Europeans so far. Doctors said they are 99 percent sure that the French outbreak, which appears to have plateaued at 13 victims, is related to the massive outbreak attributed to German-grown sprouts, the French health minister said June 27. This latest outbreak is thought to have come from sprouts served at a community event in Begles as a garnish for many dishes. Eight of the victims reported attending the event. The sprouts were grown in France, but the seeds were purchased from an English company, Thompson & Morgan, which said the seeds came from an Italian supplier. So far it is unclear whether the bacteria may have originated on the seeds themselves, or could have contaminated the sprouts during the growing process from irrigation water or human contact. In Germany, the number of outbreak victims has risen to 4,800, but the rate of new cases is declining significantly, according to the Robert Koch Institute.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/06/e-coli-in-france-linked-to-deadly-german-outbreak/>

24. *June 28, Williamsburg Yorktown Daily* – (Virginia) **Busch Gardens' restaurant workers fall ill; 4 hospitalized.** Fumes from a cleaning solution were the apparent culprit during an incident June 27 at Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, Virginia that left several employees hospitalized. The James City County Fire Department (JCCFD) responded to the park at 2 p.m. for a report of a patient having difficulty breathing, a JCCFD spokesman said. The first units on the scene found multiple patients being treated for respiratory issues by Busch Gardens' staff. Ten patients — all employees of the Trappers Smokehouse restaurant in the park's New France area — were evaluated, with four transported to Williamsburg Sentara Regional Medical Center for additional evaluation. Firefighters evacuated the restaurant without incident. The hazardous materials response team from the Newport News Fire Department and the regional Virginia Department of Emergency Management Services Hazardous Materials Officer responded. The JCCFD said the haz-mat team found no ongoing chemical reactions or existing hazards, and pronounced the situation under control around 5:30 p.m. A spokesman for Busch Gardens, said in an e-mail June 27 that 10 employees at the Trappers Smokehouse restaurant “had a minor reaction to fumes from a cleaning solution.”

Source: <http://wydaily.com/local-news/6773-busch-gardens-restaurant-workers-fall-ill-4-hospitalized.html>

25. *June 27, Bloomberg* – (Arkansas) **About 100 taken to Ark. hospitals after gas leak.** About 300 people at a Tyson Foods Inc. processing plant in Springdale, Arkansas, were evacuated and 100 sent to local hospitals after an accidental mixture of chemicals created a chlorine gas inside part of the plant early June 27. The workers were forced

from Tyson's Berry Street plant, a company spokesman said. Those who were suffering from breathing problems and headaches were sent to one of five area hospitals. The spokesman said chlorine fumes were noticed about 9:15 a.m. in the plant's food safety section. About 600 of the plant's 1,200 workers were at work then, and 300 were affected by the gas. A local bus company sent over buses to take some of the workers away, and hazardous materials crews were dispatched to hospitals to decontaminate people.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9O4DUV81.htm>

26. *June 27, Gwinnett Daily Post* – (Georgia) **20 employees evacuated after ammonia leak.** Twenty employees were evacuated from a business in Doraville, Georgia, and a neighborhood was locked down June 26 due to an anhydrous ammonia leak, officials said. The hazmat incident was reported at 8:15 p.m. by an employee of Nordic Cold Storage. Gwinnett fire crews found an extensive vapor cloud showing from the roof of the large one-story commercial building on arrival, and assisted with the evacuation. Hazmat technicians from Gwinnett and DeKalb agencies entered the building and quickly located and isolated a leaking valve, a Gwinnett County Fire Department spokesman said. Authorities asked residents in a nearby subdivision to remain indoors after firefighters found slightly elevated readings behind the building. The incident was declared under control in about 30 minutes.

Source:

http://www.gwinnettdailypost.com/localnews/headlines/Employees_evacuated_in_Haz-mat_incident_124596614.html

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Water Sector

27. *June 28, KETV 7 Omaha* – (Nebraska) **Water pressure blows manhole cover.** The pressure from the Missouri River caused the bolts on a manhole cover to fail during the night of June 26 sending a stream of water gushing 12 feet into the air near the Papillion Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant in Nebraska. The 9x9 box culvert discharges treated sewage from the plant to the Missouri River. Crews cleared out trees in the wooded area allowing helicopters to drop sandbags and a 3-ton concrete block on the geyser. Officials expected to have it capped by some time June 28. At least three other manhole covers were being held down by pallets of sandbags as a way to counteract the pressure, and pumps were brought in to remove the treated waste water. The levees surrounding the plant are maintained by the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District.

Source: <http://www.ketv.com/missouri-river-flooding-extended-coverage/28372331/detail.html>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

28. *June 28, Associated Press* – (California; National) **L.A. sheriff warns of cocaine cut with livestock meds.** Cocaine cut with a livestock de-worming medication is causing severe skin reactions in drug users, authorities warned June 27. Pointing to a recent study in the *Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology*, the Los Angeles, California Sheriff's Department sent out an advisory outlining a problem that has been cropping up in hospitals around the country. In a June 7 paper, doctors described two cases at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center in Torrance, near Los Angeles, and four cases at the University of Rochester Medical School, in Rochester, New York, where patients went to the emergency room complaining of purple blotches on their ears and other areas after taking cocaine. The patients had suffered a reaction to the veterinary treatment levamisole, the study said, which is banned for human consumption but is frequently used to adulterate cocaine. In some cases, patients also develop a potentially fatal condition affecting the bone marrow and leaving them vulnerable to infection. Symptoms usually disappear a few weeks after a patient stops using cocaine, and only a small percentage of people are susceptible to having an adverse reaction to levamisole, one of the doctors said.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/health/2011/06/28/la-sheriff-warns-cocaine-cut-with-livestock-meds/>

29. *June 23, WXIN 59 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **Indiana Measles outbreak prompts vaccine message.** Measles cases in the United States have hit a 15-year high according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, and on June 23, the Indiana State Department of Health has confirmed five cases in Noble County. Nearly all the cases can be traced to outbreaks overseas in countries such as India and France, including those in Indiana. Measles symptoms start 3 to 5 days after exposure, and the disease can be deadly. Even though just two doses of the MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella) vaccine during childhood can prevent measles for life, many parents in Europe fueled recent outbreaks after opting their children out of the vaccines because of concern about potential side effects.

Source: <http://www.fox59.com/news/wxin-measles-outbreak-indiana-measles-outbreak-prompts-vaccine-message-20110623,0,7543855.story>

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Government Facilities Sector

30. *June 28, Associated Press* – (Florida) **White powder in letter prompts evacuation of Bill Nelson's Jacksonville office.** A U.S. Senator's office in Jacksonville, Florida, had to be evacuated June 27 after a white, powdery substance was found inside a threatening letter. The powder discovered was determined to be corn starch. Six people in the Democratic Senator's office were evacuated while firefighters evaluated the powder. The Senator was in Jacksonville for a fundraiser, and to discuss the future of the Mayport Naval Station. He had already left his office when a staff member opened the letter.

Source:

<http://www.floridatoday.com/article/20110628/BREAKINGNEWS/110628001/White-powder-letter-prompts-evacuation-Bill-Nelson-s-Jacksonville-office>

31. *June 28, WPMT 43 York* – (Pennsylvania) **Arrests made in bottle bomb incident at Messiah College.** Five people are facing charges after police said they were responsible for setting off several bottle bombs on the campus of Messiah College in Grantham, Pennsylvania. The incident happened in April when several home-made explosive devices were found on the campus. Two of the bottle bombs exploded, and several more of the bombs were located in an outdoor courtyard area between two dormitories, and near the main entrance to campus. Investigators said the bottle bombs are illegal and typically are made in a plastic container filled with ingredients that make it expand and eventually burst without warning. The following people have admitted to the crime and were charged with disorderly conduct; a 19-year-old suspect from Berlin, Connecticut; a 19-year-old suspect from West Deptford, New Jersey; a 19-year-old from Tarrytown, New York; a 19-year-old suspect from Bourne, Massachusetts; and a 19-year-old suspect from Silver Spring, Maryland.

Source: <http://www.fox43.com/news/wpmt-bottle-bomb-incident-at-messiah-college,0,7135842.story>

32. *June 28, Gloucester County Times* – (New Jersey) **Confusing bomb threat prompts evacuation of several court buildings in Woodbury and Deptford.** A confusing bomb threat June 28 prompted the evacuation of several buildings in Gloucester County, New Jersey that house court operations. Received at the 9-1-1 Center in Clayton at 8:32 a.m., the call said there was a bomb in superior court and a parking lot or garage area, authorities said. Because the threat was vague, the old Gloucester County Courthouse at Broad and Delaware streets, the justice complex on Hunter Street, an office in the unit block of Delaware Street, and court offices at Five Points in Deptford Township and connected parking areas, were evacuated, the Gloucester County undersheriff said. Hundreds of employees went to predesignated areas to wait for an all-clear. Bomb-sniffing dogs were brought in from Deptford, the Gloucester, Salem and Cumberland County Sheriff's Offices, Millville, Franklin, and Glassboro. By 10:45 a.m. almost all the threatened sites had been cleared. No arrests were made. An investigation is being conducted by the Gloucester Count Sheriff's Office, the county prosecutor's office, Woodbury police, and the Gloucester County Fire Marshal's Office

Source: http://www.nj.com/gloucester-county/index.ssf/2011/06/confusing_bomb_threat_prompts.html

33. *June 28, TechCrunch.com* – (Florida; International) **Anonymous declares war on the City of Orlando.** The hacktivist group Anonymous may be setting its sights on the city of Orlando, Florida. The group is threatening to take down a different city-related Web site every day, starting with Orlando Florida Guide, which does not appear to be owned by the city of Orlando. So any random Web site extolling the virtues of Orlando could be targeted. The Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attacks are justified in the press release as retaliation for the repeated arrests of members of a non-profit group called Food Not Bombs, which feeds homeless people in a park without a permit. The leader

of the group was recently arrested. “This is a declaration of war,” wrote Anonymous in its press release describing “Operation Orlando.” It warned the entire city that “Anonymous will now begin a massive campaign against you and your city web assets. Everyday we will launch a new DDoS attack on a different Target.” Its first target will be Orlando Florida Guide, which it threatened to take down between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. June 29.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/technology/anonymous-declares-war-on-the-city-of-orlando/2011/06/28/AGqGpcoH_story.html

34. *June 27, WSYR 9 Syracuse* – (New York) **Explosive team determines WWII rocket was inert; East Molloy Road reopened.** Military explosive experts from Fort Drum have determined that the World War II era rocket driven to the Air National Guard’s Hancock Air Base in DeWitt, New York in the back seat of a man’s pickup truck June 27 was inert. The Onondaga County Sheriff’s Office said a 57-year-old man said he purchased the T-22 rocket at the Central New York Regional Market. He brought it to the Air National Guard Base off of East Molloy Road to ask for more information about it at about 2:45 p.m. Initially unable to determine if the rocket was inert or live, security personnel evacuated the air base, and the sheriff’s office evacuated a 300-meter radius around the area. East Molloy Road was closed between Thompson Road and Falso Drive. The road reopened around 7:40 p.m. A military explosive ordinance disposal team came down from Fort Drum to inspect the rocket and render it safe. The sheriff’s office said the man who purchased the rocket did not violate any laws so he will not face any charges.

Source: <http://www.9wsyr.com/mostpopular/story/Explosive-team-determines-WWII-rocket-was-inert/u-e2iWnWrESlc8hL-ZyJUg.cspk>

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35. *June 28, Associated Press* – (Maryland; Virginia) **Former Prince George’s County, Md., police officer pleads guilty to corruption charges.** A former Prince George’s County, Maryland police officer has pleaded guilty to selling cocaine to an undercover agent and protecting the transport of untaxed cigarettes. He pleaded guilty June 28 in federal court in Greenbelt, Maryland. The Woodbridge, Virginia, man is scheduled for sentencing September 23. He admitted protecting the sale and transport of multiple shipments of contraband cigarettes in Maryland, Virginia, and elsewhere. Prosecutors said he was paid by a source and an undercover agent working with the FBI. Prosecutors said he also distributed cocaine to the undercover agent and source from July 2009 to January 2010. The 25-year-old was indicted in November as part of a sweeping investigation into corruption in the county.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/4017e507a0ce4052acb375af22d87813/DC--Officer-Corruption-Charge/>

36. *June 27, Merrillville Post-Tribune* – (Indiana; Illinois) **Lake sheriff's checks were left out, inmates may have tried to use.** Attempts in 2010 to steal more than \$100,000 from Lake County, Indiana's commissary funds failed, but not because of the efforts of the Lake County Sheriff's Department, the sheriff said. He announced June 27 that he had an audit performed when he took office in January of the three commissary funds. That audit found that during the last 9 months of 2010, blank checks used to give inmates money from their accounts were left sitting next to copiers where inmates had access to them. Officials discovered that from about June to December 2010, people had tried to cash fraudulent checks, which had either been altered or copied, from the accounts, the sheriff said. The checks ranged from about \$400 to \$4,000 and totaled more than \$100,000. The attempts were made at banks in Lake County and Chicago, Illinois.
Source: <http://posttrib.suntimes.com/news/6210428-418/lake-county-sheriffs-checks-were-left-out-inmates-may-have-tried-to-use.html>
37. *June 27, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Guard at Texas immigrant detention center held on sex charge; police say drug charge likely.** A former guard at an immigrant detention center in South Texas pleaded not guilty June 27 to sexually abusing a detainee awaiting deportation, but was ordered held after federal prosecutors revealed he could face a state drug charge as well. The 31-year-old man was arrested June 22 on a charge of having sex with a woman who was awaiting deportation at the Willacy Detention Center in Raymondville in October 2008. A U.S. magistrate judge postponed a decision on granting the man bond after an assistant U.S. attorney said the former guard had marijuana at the time of his arrest and admitted to selling small quantities in recent months. The judge said he would wait for word from the Willacy County district attorney on whether the former guard would face a drug charge. A Raymondville Police detective said he was working on the warrant for the former guard and expected him to be charged with misdemeanor drug possession June 28.
Source: <http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/efb27a254bf24c249afb9e906bdada65/TX--Guard-Abuse/>
38. *June 27, Statesville Record & Landmark* – (North Carolina) **New Statesville fire station to improve response times.** The Statesville, North Carolina fire chief said the newest fire station is more than just a place to park fire trucks and house personnel. It also represents an improvement in service to the community and increases the likelihood of saving lives and property. Firefighters were scheduled to begin officially responding to calls out of the station July 1. The chief said this station will improve the response time to homes in the eastern part of the city. Research, he said, shows a response time of 6 minutes and 20 seconds from the time a 911 call is made greatly increases the chances of containing a fire to the room of origin, which in turn enhances the odds of survival and lessens the fire damage.
Source: <http://www.wsocvtv.com/news/28370348/detail.html>
39. *June 27, London Daily Mail* – (Texas; International) **Mexican troops replace police in Tamaulipas, a state that borders Texas.** Mexican troops have replaced policemen in half of a large state that borders Texas, in the deep south, because there were fears the

officers were corrupt and helping drug cartels. Some 2,800 heavily armed soldiers were deployed in 22 of Tamaulipas's 43 cities over the weekend of June 25 and 26 — this was done, in part, as the Mexican president moved to defend his drug war strategy. Mexico's ministry of defense insisted "the support is of temporary and extraordinary character", but an official in Nuevo Laredo, who wished to remain anonymous, told CNN that local police have been replaced while they are investigated for corruption. Troops were moved in to San Fernando, too, where authorities discovered mass graves containing more than 200 corpses earlier this year, while investigating the kidnapping of passengers from a bus.

Source: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2008556/Mexican-troops-replace-police-Tamaulipas-state-borders-Texas.html>

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Information Technology Sector

40. *June 28, Help Net Security* – (International) **Thousands of Tumblr accounts compromised.** Tumblr users have been targeted with an aggressive phishing campaign within the last week, and are still being lured into entering log-in credentials for access to adult content, Help Net Security reported June 28. The scheme appears to be successful, as GFI researchers accessed a dropzone for the stolen credentials and discovered a massive amount of data. The scammers used the compromised Tumblr accounts to set up more and more phishing pages. Various domains were also used to perpetuate the scam, including [tumblrlog\(dot\)com](http://tumblrlog(dot)com), [tumblrlogin\(dot\)com](http://tumblrlogin(dot)com), and [tumblrsecurity\(dot\)com](http://tumblrsecurity(dot)com) — all registered in the last few weeks to bogus clients. "The problem has become so pervasive that regular Tumblr users are setting up dedicated anti phishing sites to advise users of the problem," the researchers said. Also, Tumblr created an automated reply for people reporting the scheme, in which it advises affected users to reset the password for their account, to remove the fake log-in template by choosing a new theme, and to "unfollow" all the blogs their account is following thanks to the scammers.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=11234>

41. *June 28, Computerworld* – (International) **DHS releases software security scoring system.** The DHS, along with the SANS Institute and Mitre, released a scoring system June 26 designed to help enterprises verify whether the software they are using meets reasonable standards for secure coding. The organizations released an updated list of the Top 25 most dangerous programming errors found in software, and a measuring system that lets enterprises score the security of their software based on the presence or absence of those flaws. The goal is to give enterprises information that will let them make more informed decisions regarding the security of their software, said the director of research at SANS. The hope is that organizations within the private sector and government will use the Top 25 list and scoring system during the software procurement process, he said.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9217968/DHS_releases_software_security_scoring_system

42. *June 28, Softpedia* – (International) **Former YouSendIt CEO pleads guilty to DoS attacks.** The co-founder of digital content delivery service YouSendIt admitted to launching a denial of service attack against the company's servers. The man, 32, served as YouSendIt's CEO from its creation in 2004 until August 2005. He then acted as its chief technology officer until November 2006 when he left to work as a consultant. In March 2009, he founded a new company called FlyUpload which offered the same content distribution services as YouSendIt. Eight months later, in November 2009, the entrepreneur was indicted on four counts of transmission of a code to cause damage to a protected computer. The complaint claimed he used an Apache benchmarking tool to overload YouSendIt's servers with requests on four separate occasions between December 2008 and June 2009. The man pleaded guilty June 24 to one of the four counts. He faces a maximum of 5 years in prison, followed by 3 years of supervised release and a fine of up to \$250,000. The program the man admitted to using is called ApacheBench and is designed to test how many requests per second a server is capable of handling, an operation commonly referred to as stress testing. He was released on a \$100,000 bail and is scheduled to be sentenced September 29.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Former-YouSendIt-CEO-Pleads-Guilty-to-DoS-Attacks-208600.shtml>
43. *June 27, Softpedia* – (International) **Android malware delivery techniques used for advertising fraud.** Security researchers warn that application repackaging, a technique commonly used to distribute Android malware, is being used in advertising fraud schemes. Android malware distributors are already taking legitimate apps that appeal to users and repackaging them with trojans. The rogue apps are then distributed from unofficial app markets or even Google's official application store. Compared to the original apps, the rigged ones request more extensive permissions that are required for the malicious components. The technique has attracted the attention of other cyber criminals. "Android apps are written in Java, and so they have a very low threshold for cloning, there are no real barriers to reverse engineer them," F-Secure security researchers said. But in one case, the cloned app did not have malicious code. Instead, it had an extra module that displays ads during its runtime. "Presumably, the point of the repackaging is to include the advertisement module, with the developers gaining some kind of monetary reward when users view or click through the ads being displayed," the researchers said. In this case, the cloned app was very popular, with between 1 million and 5 million installs by June 27.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Android-Malware-Delivery-Techniques-Used-for-Advertising-Fraud-208392.shtml>
44. *June 27, The Register* – (International) **Hackers pierce network with jerry-rigged mouse.** Hackers from penetration testing firm Netragard were hired to pierce the firewall of a customer that specifically ruled out the use of social networks, telephones, and other social-engineering vectors. Gaining unauthorized physical access to computers was also off limits. To accomplish their goal, the hackers modified a popular, off-the-shelf computer mouse to include a flash drive and a powerful

microcontroller that ran custom attack code that compromised whatever computer connected to it. “The microcontroller acts as if there’s a person sitting at the keyboard typing,” Netragard’s CTO said. “When a certain set of conditions are met, the microcontroller sends commands to the computer as if somebody was typing those commands on the keyboard or the mouse.” “There’s no defense, either. Plug one of these in and you’re basically screwed.” To get someone from the target company to use the mouse, Netragard purchased a readily available list of names and other data of its employees. After identifying a worker, they shipped him the modified mouse under the guise of a promotional event. Three days later, the malware contained on the mouse connected to a server controlled by Netragard. Netragard’s description of the attack comes as the DHS released results from a recent test that showed 60 percent of employees who picked up foreign computer discs and USB thumb drives in the parking lots of government buildings and private contractors connected them to their computers.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/06/27/mission_impossible_mouse_attack/

45. *June 27, Computerworld* – (International) **Rootkit infection requires Windows reinstall, says Microsoft.** Microsoft informed Windows users they must reinstall the operating system if they get infected with a new rootkit that hides in the machine’s boot sector. A new variant of a trojan Microsoft calls “Popureb” digs so deeply into the system that the only way to eradicate it is to return Windows to its out-of-the-box configuration, an engineer with the Microsoft Malware Protection Center said the week of June 20. “If your system does get infected with Trojan:Win32/Popureb.E, we advise you to fix the MBR (master boot record) and then use a recovery CD to restore your system to a pre-infected state,” he said. A recovery disc returns Windows to its factory settings. Malware such as Popureb overwrites the hard drive’s MBR, the first sector — sector 0 — where code is stored to boot up the operating system after the computer’s BIOS does its start-up checks. Because it hides on the MBR, the rootkit is invisible to the operating system and security software. According to the Microsoft engineer, Popureb detects write operations aimed at the MBR — operations designed to scrub the MBR or other disk sectors containing attack code — and swaps the write operation with a read operation. Although the operation will seem to succeed, the new data is not actually written to the disk. In other words, the cleaning process will have failed.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9217953/Rootkit_infection_requires_Window_s_reinstall_says_Microsoft

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Internet Alert Dashboard

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46. *June 28, Battle Creek Enquirer* – (Michigan) **Teen arrested in fire at Lakeview Kiwanis Outdoor Education Center.** A 16-year-old boy was arrested June 27 after Battle Creek, Michigan police said he set fire to a building and a moped at an outdoor conservation center. Investigators said the fire destroyed a 20-foot by 30-foot A-frame building at the Lakeview Kiwanis Outdoor Education Center on South Minges Road at 3 and-a-half -Mile Road. Police reported the fire at about 7:30 p.m. June 26. Battle Creek firefighters were not able to drive an engine over a bridge to reach the building deep on the 60-acre piece of property. The loss was estimated at \$50,000. Police said the 16-year-old boy and another boy, 14, were riding mopeds on the property when the younger boy ran out of gas. The two boys rode to a gas station on the older boy's moped and returned with a gas can. The younger boy told police he put gas in his moped and placed the container on the ground. he said the older boy picked it up and began splashing the building and then set it on fire. A third boy told police the 16-year-old confessed to him that he set fire to the moped and building. The boy was arrested on two counts of arson and lodged in a juvenile home.

Source:

<http://www.battlecreekenquirer.com/article/20110628/NEWS01/106280306/Teen-arrested-fire-Lakeview-Kiwanis-Outdoor-Education-Center?odysey=nav|head>

47. *June 28, Macon Telegraph* – (Georgia) **Lightning likely cause of blaze that gutted Bibb apartments.** Seven families were getting help from the Red Cross after a June 26 blaze gutted a 20-unit apartment building in Macon, Georgia. Nineteen of the charred and now water-damaged apartments — part of the Northwood Apartment Homes complex at 6229 Thomaston Road — were occupied. “We’re pretty convinced it was a lightning strike,” said an assistant fire chief with the Macon-Bibb County Fire Department. “(The fire) got up in the attic and the wind just whipped it on through there.” Two firefighters were injured battling flames in the fire, which started during a thunderstorm about 7:45 p.m.

Source: <http://www.macon.com/2011/06/28/1612393/everybody-got-out-thank-god.html>

48. *June 28, KXAN 36 Austin* – (Texas) **Glass falls from balconies at W Hotel.** Police were on the scene outside the W Hotel on Lavaca Street in Austin, Texas, where witnesses said three panes of glass fell from the hotel structure to the street below June 27. According to reports from the scene, glass rained down on the Third Street side and shattered. Announcements were made inside the hotel for patrons to not exit the balcony. No injuries were reported, but several cars parked on the street were damaged.

Third Street was closed for a few hours between Colorado Street and Guadalupe Avenue. In a statement June 27, the W hotel said they are not sure what caused the first panel to break, noting engineering and glass experts are investigating. “It is believed that five parked cars were minimally damaged,” the statement indicated. “Although the exact cause of the breakage is unknown, given that two other glass balcony panels shattered on June 10, the owners of the project have made the decision to replace every balcony glass panel on the building. Temporary safety measures will be implemented immediately to prevent further incidents and covered pedestrian walkways will be erected around affected parts of the building.” The W temporarily closed the hotel and residential lobby entrances to the building, but noted the hotel remained open and that access to the property for guests, residents and patrons would be provided through the parking garage.

Source: <http://www.kxan.com/dpp/news/local/glass-falls-from-windows-at-w-hotel>

49. *June 27, New York Post* – (New York) **1,500 evacuated as manhole fire fills office complex with smoke.** An office complex in the Midtown section of Manhattan, New York was evacuated June 27 after an underground transformer caught fire and sent smoke billowing through the building, officials said. The fire under a manhole cover on Broadway between W. 36th and W. 37th streets broke out around 9:30 a.m., and was brought under control about 2 hours later. More than 1,500 people were cleared out of the 22-story building, at 1359 Broadway, but some were allowed back in later to retrieve personal items. There were no reported injuries. Con-Edison workers and fire department officials said one of the building’s four transformer caught on fire because of garbage and debris. They said the building was evacuated because of a loss of power. Con-Ed brought in two back-up generators with plans to reopen the building when they are online.

Source:

http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/manhattan/evacuated_as_manhole_fire_fills_2o8oWP9T9VzZohYeKaerTI

50. *June 27, WSVN 7 Miami* – (Florida) **Most allowed back home after Molotov attack on apt.** Most of the residents of an apartment building in Coconut Grove, Florida, where a Molotov cocktail went off were allowed back into their homes June 27. Dozens of people had been forced out of their homes June 26, as police investigated the arson attack on a disabled man living in a unit at the building on Grand Avenue. Everyone had made it out safe. About 100 people were told to stay out of their homes as a precaution, and by the morning of June 27, all but the family in the burned unit had been allowed back in after building investigators determined the other homes were safe. Miami police arrested a 38-year-old man for arson after the attack. According to witnesses, he and the victim were arguing in the street before the suspect allegedly hurled a Molotov cocktail through a window in the victim’s apartment. Besides arson, the suspect faces four counts of attempted felony murder, aggravated battery, and throwing a deadly missile.

Source: <http://www.wsvn.com/news/articles/local/21004689166540/>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

51. *June 28, National Public Radio and KANW 89.1 Albuquerque* – (New Mexico) **Evacuations ordered as fire threatens Los Alamos.** Firefighters in northern New Mexico were battling June 28 to stall a raging wildfire before it reaches the town that is home to the government laboratory that produced the first atomic bomb. The 44,000-acre Las Conchas wildfire burned in the mountains above Los Alamos as firefighters spent much of their time putting out spot fires, “the biggest threat we have right now to homes in the community,” the deputy Los Alamos County fire chief said late June 27. About 13,000 people have been moved from Los Alamos. Those who refused to leave will be monitored by police and the National Guard, officials said. Strong winds were forecast for June 28. Meanwhile, air tankers were set to drop fire retardant and water on the fire. The wildfire has destroyed 30 structures south and west of Los Alamos. Blowing embers sparked at least one fire at the Los Alamos National Laboratory, but it was quickly put out. The spot fire scorched a section known as Tech Area 49, which was used in the early 1960s for a series of underground tests with high explosives and radioactive materials. The fire has forced the lab to close, but officials said radioactive materials stored there are safe. But the anti-nuclear watchdog group Concerned Citizens for Nuclear Safety said the fire appeared to be about 3.5 miles from a dumpsite where as many as 30,000, 55-gallon drums of plutonium-contaminated waste were stored in fabric tents above ground. The group said the drums were awaiting transport to a dump site in southern New Mexico. Lab officials at first declined to confirm that such drums were on the property, but in a statement early June 28, a lab spokeswoman said such drums are stored in a section of the complex known as Area G. She said the drums contain cleanup from Cold War-era waste that the lab sends away in weekly shipments to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant.
Source: <http://www.npr.org/2011/06/28/137468916/mandatory-evacuations-ordered-as-wildfire-threatens-los-alamos?ps=cprs>
52. *June 28, WLTZ 38 Columbus* – (Alabama) **Wildfires continue to burn.** A wildfire continued to burn June 28 at Gulf State Park in Gulf Shores, Alabama. Forestry officials said it could be 2 days before the massive blaze was under control. A fresh group of firefighters arrived June 26 to help contain the fire, and worked through the night, setting backfires and using forestry dozing units to try to knock down the fire. Helicopters were being used for aerial water drops in some of the most dangerous areas. According to Gulf State Park officials, the fire, which started June 25, has burned 500 to 600 acres.
Source: <http://www.wltz.com/story/14987728/wildfires-continue-to-burn>
53. *June 27, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **Firefighters make progress on Boulder blaze.** Firefighters on the ground took advantage of cooler weather and calmer winds June 27 to corral the Maxwell fire burning in the Arapaho National Forest in northwest Boulder County, Colorado. The U.S. Forest Service June 26 estimated the fire’s size at 100 acres, but later reduced it to 75 acres. After doing a calculation from the air, the U.S. Forest Service said it was about 60 acres June 27. The fire is about 40 percent

contained. The fire was first reported at 5 p.m. June 26, and it quickly blew up in high winds. The cause of the fire is under investigation. The Boulder Office of Emergency Management said early June 27 that the fire started about a quarter of a mile from a shooting range. Large wildfires have burned more than 29,000 acres in Colorado so far in June, according to federal wildland fire reports.

Source: http://www.denverpost.com/breakingnews/ci_18364803

54. *June 27, WECT 6 Wilmington and Associated Press* – (North Carolina) **Holly Shelter fire 30% contained, crews prepare for another burnout.** The wildfire in the Holly Shelter Game Land area in North Carolina is at least 30 percent contained, according to forest officials. The fire has already consumed more than 21,000 acres, but about 9,000 more acres will burn as crews attempt to have a successful burnout operation. Pender County firefighters completed a test burn June 27 in the Holly Shelter Game Land in anticipation of a 1,500-acre controlled burn aimed at ridding an area near Highway 17 of fuel for the fire. Weather conditions will determine when that burn will take place. Officials will use infrared cameras in their helicopters this week to help determine hotspot areas they may be missing. The fire sparked June 19 from a lightning strike. Source: <http://www.wect.com/story/14985063/holly-shelter-fire-25-percent-contained-crews-prepare-for-burnout>

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Dams Sector

55. *June 28, Associated Press* – (North Dakota; South Dakota) **Garrison Dam releases being lowered earlier than planned; Oahe to go up but not as quickly.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began lowering water releases from Garrison Dam in North Dakota June 26 to reduce pressure on Missouri River reservoirs downstream. Releases were lowered from 150,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 145,000 cfs. After July 9, releases will be slowly lowered to 120,000 cfs by July 18. The Corps said inflows into Lake Sakakawea behind the dam are lower than previously forecast. At Oahe Dam in South Dakota, releases will be rising slightly, though slower than planned because of the reduced flows from Garrison. Source: <http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/b192ff8a1e4e4fea9c08f2e0179f79a9/ND--Missouri-River-Flooding-Dakotas-Dams/>
56. *June 28, Associated Press* – (National) **Fort Randall Dam reservoir in SD hits record level.** The Yankton Press & Dakotan newspaper reported that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said the Fort Randall reservoir in South Dakota hit a record 1,372.5 feet above sea level June 27 as a result of the Missouri River flooding. The previous record was 1,372.2 feet in 1997. The Mitchell Daily Republic newspaper reported that the communities of Chamberlain and Oacoma were threatened by flooding because of the rapid rise of the reservoir downstream, and the loss of water storage capacity there. Source: http://www.rapidcityjournal.com/news/state-and-regional/article_125be198-e020-55f2-bca7-8fc949fe295d.html

57. *June 27, KOLR 10/KSFX 28 Springfield* – (Missouri) **Flooding evacuations move south along Missouri River.** A surge of flood waters released from dams along the upper Missouri River began to work its way past St. Joseph, Missouri, toward Kansas City, June 26. As of late afternoon, voluntary evacuations were under way in several areas of Buchanan County including the Lewis and Clark Village area and Sugar Lake due to levee failures. The Big Tarkio and Little Tarkio rivers were at major flood stage as of noon, adding to the flooding of more than 120,000 acres in Holt County. As of 3 pm., the Missouri Department of Transportation reported 30 road closures in Andrew, Atchison, Buchanan, Caldwell, Daviess, DeKalb, and Holt counties. The river was expected to fall throughout the weekend of June 25 and 26 and bottom out below 19 feet, but as of June 27, the river was at technical flood stage near 23 feet, with a predicted rise to just short of 30 feet by July 1. At that point, the river will be very close to the top of the city's levee, and the city's north side would be experiencing some flooding. Jefferson City's Memorial Airport sits behind the flood barrier. The interim city manager said airplane owners were notified of the possibility of flooding. But sources at the airport said no planes were evacuated during the day June 27.
Source: http://ozarksfirst.com/fulltext?nxd_id=479287
58. *June 27, ADP News North America* – (Washington) **PacifiCorp to remove 14.7 MW hydropower dam in Washington.** The utility PacifiCorp said it would decommission its 14.7 MW Condit Dam in Washington State, starting October 2011. The company considers the removal of the dam cheaper than the renewal of its license, which would require the establishment of a fish passage under the federal dam licensing process. The decommissioning is expected to cost \$32 million, including spending during the planning process. Decommissioning of the is dam expected to be complete by August 31, 2012.
Source: http://www.hydworl.com/index/display/news_display.1445466213.html

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