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- The Arizona Republic reports a fire at a power substation in Mesa, Arizona, June 30 knocked out power to 150,000 homes, businesses, hospitals, and an airport. (See item [5](#))
- According to WAGA 5 Atlanta, a Fulton County deputy and three detention officers at the Fulton County Jail in Atlanta, Georgia, were indicted June 30 on charges they smuggled drugs and cell phones to inmates. (See item [39](#))

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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. *July 30, Allentown Morning Call* – (Arkansas) **Arkansas man indicted for damaging Marcellus gas pipeline.** An Arkansas man, unhappy he was fired from a job in the Marcellus Shale fields in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, used a mechanical excavator to dig up and destroy a gas pipeline he had just helped build, federal prosecutors said. The U.S. attorney's office quickly indicted the 44-year-old on charges of destroying an energy facility, and damaging an intrastate gas pipeline. If convicted of both charges, he faces a maximum sentence of 40 years in prison, supervised release,

and a \$500,000 fine. According to the indictment, the suspect worked for about 5 weeks for Houston-based Holloman Corp., which was working to build a natural gas pipeline in Cogan House Township.

Source: http://articles.mcall.com/2011-06-30/news/mc-marcellus-gas-pipeline-sabotage-in20110630_1_gas-pipeline-arkansas-man-marcellus-shale-fields

2. *July 1, azfamily.com* – (Arizona) **Tanker wreck, fuel spill closes I-17 at Dunlap.** A tanker carrying nearly 9,000 gallons of fuel rolled over July 1, forcing the closure of Interstate 17 in both directions at Dunlap Avenue in Phoenix, Arizona. Crews were able to finally open the northbound lanes at 8:45 a.m. The southbound lanes reopened at 10:30 a.m. The accident happened at about 1:20 a.m. The driver was heading north when he lost control of the truck. The tanker rolled, flipping over the median wall and into the southbound lanes. The wreck created a potentially explosive situation. Some fuel leaked from the Circle K tanker, but not as much as originally thought. It was, however, on both sides of the median. Hazardous-materials crews were able to quickly get a handle on the situation. Another tanker has been brought in and crews are transferring the fuel from the wrecked truck. Emergency crews spent hours working to clear the scene. Some 8,800 gallons of fuel had to be offloaded to a second tanker. They were able to move all but about 500 gallons.

Source: <http://www.azfamily.com/traffic/Tanker-wreck-fuel-spill-closes-I-17-at-Dunlap-124849949.html>

3. *July 1, Lake County News-Sun; Associated Press* – (Illinois) **Storm pounds area with hail, causes power outages.** Violent storms pelted the Chicago, Illinois area with rain and golf ball-sized hail late June 30, leaving more than 100,000 ComEd customers without power. The “supercell” storm hit shortly after 9 p.m. The south suburbs had about 56,000 ComEd customers without electricity. About 16,000 customers did not have power in Chicago and near west suburbs. The severe storm collapsed part of the roof at the conference center at Illinios Beach State Park, and felled trees and snapped utility poles, knocking out power in Waukegan, Beach Park, Zion, and Winthrop Harbor and as far north as Racine. In the broader metropolitan area, into Cook County and Chicago, similar damage and thousands of power outages were reported. Some Metra Union Pacific North Line trains stopped running past the North Chicago and Highland Park stations, citing “excessive delays,” according to Metra’s Web site. Others were halted by power lines down on the tracks.

Source: <http://newssun.suntimes.com/news/6274231-418/storm-pounds-area-with-hail-causes-power-outages.html>

4. *July 1, WTVR 6 Richmond* – (Virginia) **Ruptured gas line causes traffic delays downtown.** Crews from the City of Richmond, Virginia worked to repair a major gas line near the intersection of 5th and Tredegar Streets July 1. At about 7:42 a.m., a construction crew hit the gas line, releasing what fire investigators said was a “significant” amount of gas into the air. A crew from WTVR 6 Richmond was told the gas line was struck because it had been mismarked. The gas was cut off, but repairs were expected to take most, if not all of the day to complete. The Meadwestvaco building, and the Federal Reserve were without gas. The city’s fire spokesman said it could be July 2 before the utilities were fully restored.

Source: <http://www.wtvr.com/news/wtvr-major-gas-leak-at-tredegan-and-5th-street-downtown-richmond-20110701,0,5200959.story>

5. *July 1, Arizona Republic* – (Arizona) **Mesa transformer fire: Power restored; cause unknown.** A fire at a power substation in east Mesa, Arizona, set off a cascade of electrical failures June 30 that left about 150,000 homes and businesses without power. Power has been restored for all customers, a SRP spokesman said July 1. The last customers in Mesa without power had their service restored at about 11:30 p.m. June 30, he said. The problems began with a fire in an electrical transformer. Though the fire was doused, the extra load placed on other stations led to failures throughout the afternoon. There is still no answer as to what caused the fire, the SRP spokesman said. There will be an investigation, but it could still be weeks until a cause is declared, he said. Blackouts hit nearly every area of Mesa and Apache Junction at various times, forcing hospitals to use emergency generators, and prompting companies to send thousands of workers home early. Business took a hit as stores and theaters closed. Falcon Field Municipal Airport in Mesa was forced to suspend operations for several hours and divert traffic to other airports after the control tower lost power, and nearby Boeing was forced to cease operations for the day and send 4,000 workers home. Mesa City Hall lost power for about 45 minutes before it was restored about 3:30 p.m. The failure knocked out traffic lights, but Mesa police said only two minor accidents were reported. A key concern was with area hospitals, many of which were forced to go to generator power for most of the afternoon. At least one hospital postponed several surgeries.

Source: <http://www.azcentral.com/news/articles/2011/06/30/20110630mesa-transformer-fire-abrk.html>

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Chemical Industry Sector

6. *July 1, Alexandria Daily Town Talk* – (Louisiana) **Derailment cleanup begins.** Crews were working to clean an area outside of Tullos, Louisiana, after a Union Pacific Railroad train derailed June 28, LaSalle Parish sheriff's officials said. The LaSalle Parish sheriff said the call about the derailment came in around 2:20 p.m. "The derailment occurred at the Morrow Street crossing," he said. "There was no hazardous materials involved." Union Pacific Railroad's director of company and media relations said 19 railroad cars were involved in the derailment. "The quality of air was monitored and determined to be safe," he said. "Most of the cars were empty. Some cars were carrying calcium chloride, used to salt roads during the winter. It will take about 10 days to clean up the area."

Source: <http://www.thetowntalk.com/article/20110701/NEWS01/107010333>

7. *June 30, SEMO News Service* – (Missouri) **At Bird's Point EPA says contamination levels low.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regional office in Kansas City, which governs Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and nine tribal nations,

reported their findings June 28 following analysis of samples taken from the Birds Point Levee area after that levee was breached early in May. According to the EPA report, the contamination in the water released over 130,000 acres flooded by the breach was at levels typically found in the Mississippi River. A member of the EPA in Kansas City, Kansas, said EPA crews took the samples May 24 as they conducted surface water samplings at six locations in the floodway, and three outside it. EPA noted the samples were taken to determine if any threats might be present for emergency response workers who could come into contact with the floodwaters. "While the levels found were below health concerns, we still recommend the use of appropriate personal protection equipment for the public and workers who may contact floodwater," EPA's Region 7 administrator said. The samples, he added, were below levels of health concern for those involved with continuing cleanup. Previous results indicated the presence of e-coli bacteria; however, it was detected to be well below Missouri's official standards for fishing, wading, and boating activities. EPA indicated surface water samples were analyzed for organophosphorus pesticides, triazine herbicides, total metals including aluminum, perchlorate, total petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH), gasoline range organics (GRO), and TPH-diesel range organics.

Source: <http://www.dddnews.com/story/1740823.html>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

8. *July 1, Richmond Times-Dispatch* – (Virginia) **Surry nuclear reactor hits full power for 1st time in 2-plus months.** Dominion Virginia Power's Unit 2 reactor at the Surry nuclear power plant in Surry County, Virginia has reached full operating capacity for the first time in more than 2 months. Figures provided by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission early July 1 showed Unit 2 operating at 100 percent of capacity. Unit 2 was idled April 16, when a tornado knocked out electricity at the power station along the James River in Surry County. The utility tried to restart Unit 2 in May, but shut it down after an apparent problem was detected in one of the unit's cooling ducts.
Source: <http://www2.timesdispatch.com/business/2011/jul/01/surry-nuclear-reactor-hits-full-power-1st-time-2-p-ar-1145732/>
9. *June 30, Professional Reactor Operator Society* – (National) **Control rod blade cracking.** GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy (GEH) has discovered severe cracking in Marathon control rod blades (CRBs) near the end of their nuclear lifetime limits in an international BWR/6 reactor. As a result of investigations into the cracking, GEH has determined the design life of certain Marathon CRBs may be less than previously stated, and is revising the end-of-life depletion limits of these CRBs. The U.S. plants that may contain D-lattice and S-lattice Marathon CRBs and that, therefore, are potentially affected are Browns Ferry-1, -2 and -3, Cooper, Clinton, Dresden-2 and -3, Duane Arnold, Grand Gulf, Fitzpatrick, Hatch-1 and -2, Monticello, Nine Mile Point-1, Oyster Creek, Peach Bottom-2 and -3, Perry, Pilgrim, River Bend, Quad Cities-1 and -2, and Vermont Yankee.

Source: <http://www.nucpros.com/content/control-rod-blade-cracking-resulting-control-rod-blade-cracking-resulting>

10. *June 30, Associated Press* – (Nebraska) **Worker burned in portable pump fire outside of Nebraska nuclear plant.** A worker at a security building outside of the Fort Calhoun nuclear plant north of Omaha, Nebraska, was badly burned June 30 while refilling a gas tank for a portable pump. The Omaha Public Power District said the pump caught fire, and the unidentified worker suffered burns to his arms and face while putting out the fire. Emergency personnel of the Fort Calhoun Station took him outside to a medical helicopter, which transported him to a burn center in Lincoln.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/a5c2328cec63487f89a3830d418b337c/NE--Nuclear-Plant-Gas-Tank-Fire/>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

11. *June 30, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **Hamilton Beach recalls toasters due to fire hazard.** The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with Hamilton Beach, June 30 announced a voluntary recall of 300,000 Hamilton Beach classic chrome 2-slice toasters. Consumers should stop using this product immediately. The heating element in these toasters can remain energized indefinitely when an item is placed in the toaster which may ignite the contents, posing a fire hazard if the toaster is near flammable items. The toasters are the model 22600 with series codes beginning with C or D and have the format of CXXXXBI or DXXXXBI where XXXX is a four digit number between 0190 and 5290. The toasters were sold at mass merchandisers and department, grocery, and home center stores nationwide, as well as various online retailers, from February 2008 through June 2011. Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml11/11265.html>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

12. *July 1, New Hampshire Union Leader* – (New Hampshire) **Agreement bars company from making explosives.** New Hampshire Union Leader reported July 1 the manufacturer in Colebrook, New Hampshire that once produced gunpowder has surrendered its license and will never make explosives-related materials again, according to an agreement with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). The agreement comes more than a year after an explosion at Millennium Design Muzzleloaders killed two employees. The company never reopened and, according to OSHA, it never will. The former Manchester Manufacturing building in

the Colebrook Industrial Park, where the gunpowder was made, remains standing, although badly damaged, according to Colebrook's town manager. The job to dismantle the empty building went out to bid several months ago, but it has not started. The explosion May 14, 2010 killed two workers, and injured a third man. In October 2010, OSHA fined Black Mag Industries more than \$1 million for safety violations. The investigative report contained 54 workplace safety and health citations that added up to \$1.2 million in penalties.

Source: <http://www.unionleader.com/article/20110701/NEWS02/707019973>

13. *June 30, Whittier Daily News* – (California) **FBI assesses terrorist threat against Monrovia-based AeroVironment.** FBI officials June 30 warned AeroVironment Inc. employees of al-Qaida threats against 11 senior executives of the Monrovia, California-based company, according to sources with knowledge of the warning. Monrovia city officials said security at the West Huntington Drive facility of the defense contractor would be beefed up over the July 4 weekend after threats surfaced on a jihadist Web site. An FBI spokeswoman said she had not heard of a specific threat to AV, but said the FBI takes such threats seriously. An AV employee said company officials led by the senior vice president and general manager conducted a meeting June 30 with employees regarding the threat. Monrovia's mayor said the city is coordinating with several agencies to help ensure public safety. A June 23 online blog post on Homeland Security Today said top U.S. military leaders, and AeroVironment's CEO and other AV executives have been identified as targets on several jihadist Web sites. AV makes a variety of unmanned surveillance aircraft systems, including the Dragon Eye, Raven, Wasp, and Puma AE, that are used extensively by U.S. military forces in the global war on terrorism.

Source: http://www.whittierdailynews.com/news/ci_18385448

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Banking and Finance Sector

14. *July 30, Associated Press* – (National) **Feds charge 3 CEOs with penny-stock fraud.** Three CEOs face civil and criminal charges of stock manipulation after regulators said they tried to bribe undercover FBI agents to buy shares of their companies so the stock prices would rise, the Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) said June 30. The executives thought they were bribing a corrupt broker and representatives of a corrupt pension plan trustee, the SEC said. The sting also netted a consultant and a marketer who created a Web site with false testimonials to make a stock more attractive. The charges involve so-called penny stocks, which trade for less than a dollar. The president and CEO of KCM Holdings Inc., and the CEO of Real American Brands Inc. tried to funnel and conceal kickbacks to the supposed pension plan trustee in exchange for fund's purchasing millions of shares of their stocks, the SEC said. They also tried to bribe a broker to buy KCM stock for the broker's clients. Both the broker and the trustee actually were FBI agents. The president and CEO of SmokeFree Innotec Inc. paid kickbacks to the supposed trustee in exchange for the fund's buying shares of SmokeFree, the SEC said. Another man charged in the scheme created a Web site to promote shares of Xtreme Motorsports International Inc., the SEC

said. He allegedly promoted the site by sending e-mail blasts to potential investors, and posting false testimonials about the success of the Web site's stock picks.

Source: http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2011/06/30/business-business-and-professional-services-us-sec-penny-stock-kickbacks_8544438.html

15. *July 30, Washington Examiner* – (Virginia) **GPS helps police nab N.Va. bank heist suspect.** A man suspected in five northern Virginia bank robberies was nabbed June 8 after police placed a Global Positioning System (GPS) device on his sister's car the day before he used the vehicle to commit a sixth heist, according to court records. He was arrested following a police pursuit after he allegedly robbed a BB&T Bank in McLean June 8. Authorities were investigating five armed bank robberies in Fairfax County. One was reported in April, three in May, and one in June. Partial license plate numbers and descriptions of vehicles used in two of the robberies matched cars registered to an Oxon Hill woman. On June 7, the FBI put a GPS tracker on one of them while it was parked outside. The next day, a man robbed the BB&T Bank at 2941 Chain Bridge Road in McLean. Court records say he jumped on a counter, pointed a gun at a teller, and demanded money. He fled after receiving cash. The teller also handed over a dye pack, staining the stolen bills and the suspect. Police used the GPS device to track the vehicle, and after a chase through Maryland and Washington, D.C., the suspect was captured. As of June 30, the suspect had only been charged in the June 8 robbery. Search warrants executed the week of June 20 at his apartment and his sister's apartment said authorities are looking for evidence to link him to other crimes.
Source: <http://washingtongaminer.com/local/crime-punishment/2011/06/gps-helps-police-nab-nva-bank-heist-suspect>
16. *July 30, WUSA 9 Washington D.C.* – (District of Columbia) **Armored car robbery suspect shot during daytime robbery attempt.** An armored car robbery suspect was shot June 30 in northeast Washington, D.C., during an attempted robbery. The suspect is dead and the two guards are fine. Police said the suspect approached the guards with a gun at around 11 a.m. in the 200 block of Michigan Avenue, NE. At least one guard, possibly both, opened fire, and hit the man perhaps seven times — killing him. Police are looking for other possible accomplices. Police expanded the crime scene after they found a round on the sidewalk where people were walking by about 150 feet from the Capital One Bank, where the shooting took place. Police brought the armored car guards back to the scene shortly after noon and took their guns. Investigators are trying to figure out if the shooting was justified.
Source: <http://wusa9.com/news/article/156906/373/Armored-Car-Robbery-Suspect-Shot->
17. *July 1, Tuscaloosa News* – (Alabama) **Serial bank robber pleads guilty to federal charges.** The Montgomery, Alabama man who robbed the same Cadence Bank branch in Tuscaloosa three times pleaded guilty to federal robbery charges June 29. The 49-year-old man admitted to the armed robberies of Cadence Bank's Indian Hills branch on McFarland Boulevard and the Bank of Tuscaloosa branch on North McFarland Circle, stealing a total of \$47,541. He also admitted to a bank robbery in Auburn, which was thwarted before he got any money. His girlfriend pleaded guilty in April to being an accessory in the robberies. She confessed to robbing the banks and provided

information to the FBI, according to court documents.

Source:

<http://www.tuscaloosaneews.com/article/20110701/NEWS/110639985/1007?p=all&tc=pgall>

18. *July 1, NBC 5 Chicago* – (Illinois) **‘Nun on the Run’ suspect charged in robbery.** A Palos Heights, Illinois bank was robbed over Memorial Day weekend to pay back embezzled money, federal officials said. A 23-year-old woman was charged June 30 with holding up a TCF Bank at gunpoint in May while dressed as a nun and wearing a mask similar to those in the film “The Town.” The suspect and her unknown accomplice got away with \$120,000 in cash from a bank where she once worked, according to authorities. The former teller already faced bank embezzlement charges. Authorities accused her of stealing \$20,000 in April from a Chase Bank branch in Country Club Hills where she worked. She promised to repay it, the Chicago Tribune reports.

Source: <http://www.nbcchicago.com/news/local/Nun-on-the-Run-124845554.html>

19. *June 30, KSFN 30 Fresno* – (International) **International mortgage fraud operation bust in Fresno.** Police June 29 broke what they believe is an international mortgage fraud operation with a hub in Fresno, California. Officers arrested two men at a northwest Fresno home, and put them in jail on charges of grand theft. Police served four search warrants June 20, and they have uncovered more than 20 victims — people in dire straits who were taken advantage of when they were looking for a quick way out. The two men lived in the home and operated a credit repair business and a mortgage modification business. Police said the companies were nothing more than fronts for financial crime. Consumer Credit Repair and Consumer Financial Services targeted people with bad credit or homes in the foreclosure process and promised an easy fix. Investigators said callers from India contacted victims and convinced them to send money to an office in Fresno. This is the office — nothing more than a mail drop box where police said the suspects picked up the cash and left their victims sinking even further into debt.

Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/kfsn/story?section=news/local&id=8225063>

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Transportation Sector

20. *July 30, Reno Gazette-Journal* – (Nevada) **Amtrak train crash: Nevada crossings to be investigated after report of near-miss 9 months ago.** A state agency launched a statewide investigation into all Nevada roads with high speed limits and railroad crossings after a Reno Gazette-Journal report found that 9 months ago, another truck almost crashed into an Amtrak passenger train at the site of a deadly crash the week of June 20. The spokesman for the Nevada Department of Transportation said they plan to do an inventory on roads with speed limits above 60 mph to ensure they “provide the safest rail crossings and roads possible.” The examination will focus on three Nevada roads that have rail crossings and 70 mph speed limits, and three roads with rail tracks and 65 mph speed limits, he said. The engineer on the Amtrak train that was hit June 24

by a truck, leaving six dead and dozens injured, said the U.S. 95 site is a dangerous crossing.

Source: <http://www.rgj.com/article/20110630/NEWS/110630006/Amtrak-train-crash-Amtrak-sues-trucking-company-saying-driver-not-qualified?odyssey=nav|head>

21. *July 1, Associated Press* – (North Carolina) **Passengers evacuate smoking plane on NC runway.** Passengers on a US Airways flight to Asheville, North Carolina, were evacuated on the tarmac after smoke filled the cabin of the plane at Charlotte Douglas International Airport. WCNC reported that US Airways officials said Express Flight 2263 was evacuated before takeoff June 30. Seventy passengers and four crew members were on board. Officials said two passengers were hurt during the evacuation, but their injuries were not serious. Buses removed passengers from the area. The airline worked with the passengers to reschedule flights.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/n/a/2011/07/01/national/a073210D93.DTL>

22. *July 1, Associated Press* – (Texas; International) **Charter bus overturns on Texas road, injuring 21.** Authorities said all 21 passengers aboard a charter bus that began its trip in Mexico were injured when the bus rolled onto its side after swerving off a Texas interstate. The San Marcos, Texas police chief said none of the injuries appear life-threatening. He said a 4-year-old girl broke her leg and several others were airlifted to hospitals with head injuries. The accident happened shortly after 4 a.m. on northbound Interstate 35. Investigators were still unsure what caused the driver to briefly veer off the road before overcorrecting, rolling the bus onto its side and coming to rest across all three lanes on the highway. The police chief said the bus trip began in Mexico, and made a scheduled stop only a few miles earlier in New Braunfels, Texas.

Source: <http://www.chron.com/dispatch/story.mpl/ap/tx/7635485.html>

23. *July 1, KTRK 13 Houston* – (Texas) **Train derailment causes big problems in Hitchcock.** A major cleanup effort is underway in Galveston County, Texas after a July 1 train derailment in Hitchcock. Seven cars jumped the track in front of the city's police station. While the derailment did not pose a health hazard, it did cause major traffic delays. A representative from Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) said he believes the scene will clear by 6 p.m. The BNSF train derailed just before 2 a.m. as it was headed from the town of Seadrift to the BNSF rail yard in Galveston. Seven of the train's 27 railcars came off the track, as the train traveled at 38 mph. Some of the railcars were carrying plastic pellets, so in addition to the railcars, cleanup crews also must clean that mess. There was one railcar carrying hazardous material, but BNSF said it does not pose a danger to anyone. Crews will also have to replace a quarter of a mile of track. The cause of the derailment remains under investigation.

Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=news/local&id=8225473>

24. *July 1, WAVE 3 Louisville* – (Kentucky) **Officials believe truck driver may have caused train derailment.** Emergency crews in Bullitt County, Kentucky, remained on the scene July 1 of a train derailment in Brooks that occurred June 30. The Bullitt County Sheriff's Office said they were on the hunt for a dark green tractor trailer with a shipping container and large white letters. Officials said they believe the semi offset the

rail, and that the driver was aware of it. The sheriff's office issued an attempt to locate the rig after seeing video of the truck leaving moments before the derailment. The derailed train cars blocked Highway 1020, and Bullitt County officials said the road will stay closed until the cleanup is complete, which may be some time during the afternoon of July 1. A spokesperson for CSX said the train had 2 locomotives and 48 freight cars. According to the chief with the Zoneton Fire Department, 15 car carriers left the tracks when the train derailed. The train was carrying new vehicles from a Ford plant in Louisville, Kentucky.

Source: <http://www.wave3.com/story/15007137/train-derailment-in-brooks>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

25. *June 30, WTAE 4 Pittsburgh* – (Pennsylvania) **Explosive blows mailbox, gargoye statue.** Police in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania are searching for the person responsible for using an explosive to blow up a mailbox. Pennsylvania State Police in Greensburg said an explosive device was put inside the mailbox of a home on Mt. Pleasant Road in Unity Township between 11 p.m. June 27 and 7:15 a.m. June 28. The explosion damaged the mailbox and the concrete pillar surrounding it, as well as a concrete gargoye statue.

Source: <http://www.wtae.com/r/28413420/detail.html>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

26. *July 1, Albert Lea Tribune* – (Minnesota) **Explosion reported at WFS grain elevator.** Emergency crews responded July 1 to a small dust explosion at the Watonwan Farm Service grain facility in New Richland, Minnesota. According to a news release from the company, a fire was ignited by the explosion. The fire has since been extinguished.

Source: <http://www.albertleatribune.com/2011/07/01/explosion-reported-at-wfs-grain-elevator/>

27. *July 1, Wooster Daily Record* – (Ohio) **Jerry's Cafe, Runion's Furniture suffer heavy damage.** Firefighters from eight departments responded at 4:20 a.m. June 30 to a huge fire in Orrville, Ohio. The fire started in Jerry's Cafe & Bar and spread into Runion's Furniture. A public information officer for the Orrville Fire Department said city firefighters were on the scene within 4 minutes, but by the time they arrived, flames at Jerry's were through the roof. The cause of the fire is not considered to be suspicious in origin, he said. The fire is under investigation by a team from the state fire marshal's office, Wayne County Fire Investigation Team, and Orrville Police

Department. Orrville called for mutual aid from Wooster city, Wooster Township, Central Fire District, Dalton, Marshallville, Rittman, and Apple Creek. More than 50 firefighters had the fire controlled at Jerry's in about an hour, and the fire in Runion's in about 90 minutes. At 8:30 a.m. June 30, however, the fire had still not been declared out, and firefighters continued to mop up hot spots.

Source: <http://www.the-daily-record.com/news/article/5059223>

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Water Sector

28. *July 1, Reuters* – (Maryland) **Jury says Exxon must pay \$1.5 bln for leak.** A jury in Maryland awarded 160 plaintiffs suing Exxon Mobil more than \$1.5 billion for a 2006 leak at a gasoline station in Jacksonville, Maryland, that reached the groundwater in a community that relies on private wells for drinking water, the Baltimore Sun reported July 1. That figure is in addition to the the \$495 million in compensation the jury awarded the plaintiffs for damage caused by the 26,000 gallons of gasoline that leaked from the pressurized line for more than 37 days in January and February in 2006. Exxon Mobil said the company would appeal the verdict. The company has said it had already spent more than \$46 million on the spill's cleanup, and been fined \$4 million by the state, the paper reported.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/07/01/exxonmobil-lawsuit-idUSN1E7600K120110701>

29. *July 1, KFOX 14 El Paso* – (Texas) **El Paso water utilities working to restore service in Montana Vista.** A water line broke June 30 just after 6 p.m. near the intersection of Montana and Krag in Montana Vista, Texas, flooding the area and leaving more than 3,000 customers without water. In a release to KFOX 14, officials with El Paso Water Utilities said they did not know what caused the main break. Repairs took time because the water is near a reservoir that had to be emptied before it could be reached. The main line was repaired just before 6 a.m. July 1, and crews were working to re-fill the water tank.

Source: <http://www.kfoxtv.com/news/28418099/detail.html>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

30. *July 1, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* – (Pennsylvania) **Zambian man pleads guilty to identity theft of hospital patients.** A Zambian man who scribbled down the names, birth dates and Social Security numbers of 19 University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Shadyside patients and then gave them to a compatriot, faces jail time after his guilty plea in federal court June 30. The compatriot, who used that data to submit fake tax returns and claim \$84,190 in refunds, apparently fled to Zambia. The Zambian man was a permanent resident of the United States, and a surgical instrument technician at

the hospital in 2008. That February, he took down patients' identifying information, and passed the names and numbers to another individual. That act is the first violation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, to be prosecuted in Western Pennsylvania, according to a U.S. attorney. The compatriot, along with another Zambian, ran a West Mifflin-based business called Oubani Taxes. The firm made arrangements with an unnamed bank to get refund anticipation loans for clients, an assistant U.S. attorney said. The suspect agreed to give the two tax preparers patient data in return for \$3,000 or \$4,000, the attorney said. He never got the promised money. When some of the patients discovered their tax returns already had been filed, they alerted the U.S. Postal Service, IRS, and U.S. Secret Service.

Source: <http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/11182/1157460-53.stm>

31. *July 1, Reuters* – (International) **Copper kills 97 pct of hospital ICU bacteria-study.** Antimicrobial copper surfaces in intensive care units (ICU) kill 97 percent of bacteria that can cause hospital-acquired infections, according to preliminary results of a multisite clinical trial in the United States. The results also showed a 40 percent reduction in the risk of acquiring an infection. The study, presented at the World Health Organization's 1st International Conference on Prevention and Infection Control (ICPIC) in Geneva, Switzerland, July 1, backed what research teams at three U.S. hospitals suggested 4 years ago: replacing the most heavily contaminated touch surfaces in ICUs with antimicrobial copper will control bacteria growth and cut down on infection rates.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/07/01/copper-antimicrobial-idUSN1E7600JD20110701>

32. *June 30, Sandusky Register* – (Ohio) **Medical office evacuated after mace leak.** A Vermilion Township, Ohio medical office was evacuated June 29 after a man's mace canister began to leak. According to Erie County sheriff's deputies, the man had taken his wife to see a doctor at Mercy Primary Care at 4 p.m. While he waited, he noticed a dampness around his pants pocket and found his mace canister had leaked. The man told deputies he went outside to wait in his vehicle. In the meantime, people inside the office began to feel burning in their throats. When the man went back into the office, he found employees shutting the office down. He then told them about the mace. When deputies arrived at the clinic, everyone had evacuated the building. Deputies decided not to file charges.

Source: <http://www.sanduskyregister.com/news/2011/jun/30/medical-office-evacuated-after-mace-leak>

33. *June 30, Duluth News Tribune* – (Minnesota) **Tick-spread virus claims life of northern Minnesota woman.** A northern Minnesota woman is dead from a virus caused by the bite of a deer tick, the Minnesota Department of Health reported June 29. The woman, who was in her 60s, was the first person in Minnesota to die from the Powassan virus, the health department said in a news release. The virus, caused by the bite of an infected deer tick (aka blacklegged tick), caused a brain infection. The woman was one of two people to contract Powassan in northern Minnesota this year, the news release said. The other involved an Anoka County man, also in his 60s, who was hospitalized with a brain infection after visiting his cabin in northern Minnesota.

He was released from the hospital and is recovering at home. Powassan cases are rarely identified, said the state epidemiologist with the health department in the news release. But they are fatal in 10 percent of cases, and survivors may experience long-term neurological problems. Since the disease is caused by a virus, it cannot be treated by an antibiotic. Symptoms occur within 1 to 5 weeks after an infectious tick bite.

Source: <http://www.duluthnewtribune.com/event/article/id/203147/>

34. *June 30, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Marrero woman bilked \$2 million from Medicaid.** A Marrero, Louisiana woman has pleaded guilty in federal court to health care fraud after authorities said she bilked Medicaid out of more than \$2 million. She pleaded guilty June 29 to one count of conspiracy to commit health-care fraud. She was the owner and operator of A Small World, which had offices in Gretna and Boutte. She admitted falsifying records for personal care services, which providers give to patients who are unable to care for themselves, according to court records. She sought out mothers with children who had Medicaid benefits and were eligible for the services. Her company would submit false time sheets and other records showing personal care services were provided, and then receive payment from Medicaid. She faces up to 10 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, and restitution.

Source: <http://www.sunherald.com/2011/06/30/3240376/marrero-woman-bilked-2-million.html>

35. *June 30, Miami Herald* – (Florida) **South Florida psychiatrist pleads guilty to massive Medicare fraud.** A south Florida psychiatrist got in near the start of the nation's largest mental-health clinic racket in 2004, signing bogus medical evaluations to qualify patients for costly group therapy sessions covered by Medicare. On June 30, he pleaded guilty to Medicare fraud for his critical role in a massive, \$200 million scheme. The racket enabled Miami-based American Therapeutic Corp. to bill the government program for psychotherapy that was unnecessary for thousands of patients who faked suffering from depression, schizophrenia, or bipolar conditions. A Justice Department lawyer said the convict was responsible for \$19.3 million in false claims filed on behalf of the patients, who were paid kickbacks by the American Therapeutic chain of South Florida clinics. He became the first doctor among three psychiatrists indicted in the American Therapeutic case to admit playing such a dominant part in the 7-year scam, which netted \$83 million in Medicare payments for the company. He and two other psychiatrists served as the company's medical directors. All three were accused of altering diagnoses and medications to make it look like the patients qualified for purported group therapy sessions at the chain's seven clinics in Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties. The other two psychiatrists have pleaded not guilty.

Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2011/06/30/2293311/south-florida-psychiatrist-to.html>

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Government Facilities Sector

36. *July 1, Columbus Dispatch* – (Ohio; International) **Turkish hackers hit local township, U.N.** A string of cyberattacks that hijacked China’s United Nations Web site also commandeered Plain Township, Ohio’s site June 30. The attacks, apparently carried out by a group of Turkish hackers, replaced several Web sites with a white screen emblazoned with the word hacked above a silhouette of the Iwo Jima memorial statue featuring the star and crescent of the Turkish flag. Beneath the image was a Turkish patriotic phrase, the Web site name [www\(dot\)nmtd\(dot\)org](http://www.nmtd.org) and messages from the hackers. Plain Township’s Web site bore the message “Where is your security?” signed with a hacker’s pseudonym. A township administrator said the township does not store any sensitive data on the site. “We’re a small, local-government agency and to select us to make any sort of statement is unusual,” he said. By 11:30 a.m. June 30, more than an hour after the attack, township technicians had the Web site running as usual. Along with the Web site for the township of about 10,000 residents, the hackers posted similar messages on Web sites for three firefighting groups that share a Web site host, the U.N. site, and a site for a French horse breeder. The vandals’ Web site is a discussion forum where members move up in rank the more they participate. The group’s name, NTMD, is an acronym for the Turkish national slogan, which translates to “How happy is he who can say, ‘I am a Turk.’ “
Source: http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/local_news/stories/2011/07/01/turkish-hackers-hit-local-township-u-n-.html?sid=101
37. *July 1, Salem Statesman-Journal* – (Oregon) **North Salem High School evacuated after gas leak.** About 50 kids in summer school and day care programs at North Salem High School in Salem, Oregon evacuated the building June 30 because of a propane gas leak, the district risk manager for the Salem-Keizer School District said. Contractors working on a roofing project at the school dropped a 150-gallon propane gas tank shortly before 8:30 a.m., she said. The gas line broke, causing a propane leak into the high school. The summer school and day care programs were evacuated to the opposite side of the school grounds while Salem firefighters responded. Crews closed 14th Street NE for about 2 hours. School officials decided to send the evacuated kids home, and used the building’s ventilation system to help disperse the flammable gas.
Source: <http://www.statesmanjournal.com/article/20110701/NEWS/107010342/North-Salem-High-School-evacuated-after-gas-leak?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|News|s>
38. *July 1, Harrisburg Patriot-News* – (Pennsylvania) **Small colony of bats triggers preschool evacuation in Shiremanstown.** Two bats were found in less than one hour June 22 at Children’s Garden Preschool in Shiremanstown, Pennsylvania. That triggered the preschool’s employees, and more than 100 students to evacuate the building and call wildlife experts to remove a small colony of bats nesting in the attic. After being informed by a teacher that a 5-year-old child may have been bitten, the day care’s assistant director immediately had the children in the classroom moved to the Bible Baptist Church, one block away. Because the school had possession of the bat that bit the child, an ER doctor said the bat should be tested for rabies before any shots were administered. It took 15 minutes for the day care’s assistant director to evacuate the almost 107 kids from the Children’s Garden to the Bible Baptist Church. A wildlife conservation officer visited the Children’s Garden the next day and found two dead bats in the attic. Based on the amount of feces covering the floors, the officer

determined a small colony of big brown bats had taken the attic as its home, and estimated there were 50 to 70 bats. Exterminators are restricted by law from removing bats without a special permit, but the officer was able to obtain one. The department of agriculture said a rabies test on the bat that bit the child was negative.

Source:

http://www.pennlive.com/midstate/index.ssf/2011/07/small_colony_of_bats_triggers.html

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Emergency Services Sector

39. *June 30, WAGA 5 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **FBI agents arrest Fulton Co. jail officers.** A Fulton County deputy and three detention officers at the Fulton County Jail in Atlanta, Georgia, were indicted June 30 on charges they smuggled drugs and cell phones into the jail and delivered them to inmates. All four are charged with extortion for their roles in accepting payments to deliver contraband to inmates inside the Fulton County Jail. Sources said this could be the first wave of officers and staff to be put behind bars. The Fulton County Jail has recently been plagued with contraband in the jail, including dozens of cell phones. The week of June 20, an inmate ended up with a gun, got out of his cell, and shot another inmate on the maximum security seventh floor of the jail. Source: <http://www.myfoxatlanta.com/dpp/all/Fulton-Deputies-Picked-Up-in-Jail-Probe-20110630-am-sd>
40. *June 30, UPI* – (Kentucky) **Suspect stole police cruiser during arrest.** The lawyer for a Kentucky drunk driving suspect accused of stealing a police cruiser during his arrest blamed his client's actions on the influence of alcohol. Heritage Creek police said the suspect was handcuffed and placed in the back of a police cruiser June 19 when he managed to remove his seat belt, move his handcuffed hands to his front, make his way to the front seat of the car, and speed off in the vehicle, the Louisville Courier-Journal reported June 30. He crashed the car a few miles away and it flipped over a guardrail onto the roof. He then fled the scene and was arrested the following day, police said. He is facing charges of wanton endangerment, driving under the influence, criminal mischief, escape, fleeing or evading police, and theft by unlawful taking. Source: http://www.upi.com/Odd_News/2011/06/30/Suspect-stole-police-cruiser-during-arrest/UPI-74851309455018/
41. *June 30, KPSP 2 Cathedral City* – (California) **Border Patrol: Men impersonate corrections officers, attempt to smuggle drugs.** Two men dressed as corrections officers tried to smuggle more than \$2.6 million worth of drugs through the border, before being caught by Indio, California border patrol agents, authorities announced June 29. It happened June 2, at the Highway 111 checkpoint near Niland, which is near the southeastern part of the Salton Sea. A U.S. Customs and Border Protection spokesman said two men, dressed as California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation officers, tried to pass through the primary inspection point in a blue

Chevrolet Silverado truck. However, a canine team alerted border agents to the vehicle, which was then directed to a secondary inspection. The unidentified men then ditched the truck, and agents found it abandoned on a dirt road, northeast of the checkpoint. Nearby, they found “several” bundles of narcotics— containing about 80 pounds of cocaine and 145 pounds of marijuana, according to the spokesman. Both the driver and passenger — U.S. citizens with no affiliation whatsoever to the department of corrections — were also found near the truck, arrested and turned over to the Drug Enforcement Administration, along with the drugs, truck, and uniforms they were wearing, he said. In total, the drugs are estimated to be worth \$2,679,000 on the streets. Source: http://www.kpsplocal2.com/Content/Top-Stories/story/Border-Patrol-Men-Impersonate-Corrections/EQNVYNYBXEOVOT2IMeeSXw.csp?hpt=ju_bn6

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Information Technology Sector

42. *June 30, Computerworld* – (International) **Microsoft clarifies MBR rootkit removal advice.** Microsoft June 29 clarified the advice it gave users whose Windows PCs are infected with a new, sophisticated rootkit that buries itself on the hard drive’s boot sector. Several security researchers agreed with Microsoft’s revisions, but a botnet expert doubted the advice guaranteed a clean PC. The week of June 20, the Microsoft Malware Protection Center (MMPC) highlighted a new Trojan, dubbed “Popureb,” and said the only way to eradicate the malware was to use a recovery disc. Because a recovery disc returns Windows to its factory settings, Microsoft was telling users they needed to reinstall Windows to completely clean an infected PC. An MMPC engineer clarified Microsoft’s advice June 29: “If your system is infected with Trojan:Win32/Popureb.E, we advise fixing the MBR using the Windows Recovery Console to return the MBR to a clean state,” he wrote. Once the MBR has been scrubbed, users can run antivirus software to scan the PC for additional malware for removal. However, the director of malware research at Dell SecureWorks, a well-known botnet expert disagreed. He said reinstalling Windows was the only way to insure that MBR rootkits and the additional malware they install are completely removed.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9218062/Microsoft_clarifies_MBR_rootkit_removal_advice?taxonomyId=17&pageNumber=1

43. *June 29, Reuters* – (International) **Vulnerabilities found in Google Chrome PC security.** Google claims computers running its recently released Chrome operating system are much safer than traditional PCs, partly because user data is stored in the Internet cloud and not on the machine. Yet researchers at an independent computer security firm warn that the Chrome PC’s reliance on Web computing makes it vulnerable to the same attacks that hackers have been launching on Web sites and Web browsers for years. A researcher with WhiteHat Security said he identified a flaw in a Chrome OS note-taking application he exploited to take control of a Google e-mail

account. He said he has since discovered other applications with the same security flaw. “This is just the tip of the iceberg,” he told Reuters. “This is just evolving around us. We can see this becoming a whole new field of malware.” He declined to identify the applications with the security bugs. Those applications belong to a class of software programs known as “extensions,” which users download from the Google Chrome Web Store. The bulk of Chrome OS extensions are written by independent software developers, not by Google. The researcher said the problem with the extensions is related to a design flaw in Google Chrome OS: the operating system gives extensions sweeping rights to access data stored on the cloud.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/06/29/us-google-hackers-idUSTRE75S7CZ20110629>

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Internet Alert Dashboard

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Communications Sector

Nothing to report

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Commercial Facilities Sector

44. *July 30, WBNS 10 Columbus* – (Ohio) **Gas leak closes Westerville street for hours, evacuates at least 2 businesses.** A construction crew struck a gas line June 30 in Westerville, Ohio, closing some streets and forcing the evacuation of at least three businesses and a dozen homes, WBNS10 TV reported. Crews struck the line at Huber Village Boulevard and South State Street. A nearby bank, nearly a dozen homes, a dentist and doctor’s office were evacuated. No injuries were immediately reported. Huber Village Boulevard reopened at about 4 p.m., authorities said.

Source: <http://www.10tv.com/live/content/local/stories/2011/06/30/story-westerville-gas-leak-evacuations.html>

45. *July 30, Westfield Patch; Hoboken Patch* – (New Jersey) **Westfield resident contaminated by mixture of ammonia and bleach.** A contaminant that sent one Westfield, New Jersey resident to the hospital June 30, appears to have been an acid-based mixture of ammonia and bleach, according to the Union County Emergency Management director. The victim was treated on scene. The woman was exposed to the hazardous materials in Brightwood Park June 30 and called 911 at 10:33 a.m., saying

she could not breathe. The woman passed out when police found her, a police captain said. She was treated and transported to Overlook Medical Center in Summit. As of late afternoon June 30, she was in stable condition, according to the emergency management director. In the park, officers found a make-shift structure made out of tarp and other materials. The HAZMAT situation closed off Brightwood Park around 11 a.m., and also sent one police officer to the hospital, after being in contact with the woman. The park was cleared by the HAZMAT team around 2 p.m. and an emergency services unit team entered the park to secure the area. A state department of environmental protection team also responded. Fanwood Avenue was closed and a command center was set up. The main entrance to the park on Prospect Street was also closed.

Source: <http://westfield.patch.com/articles/brightwood-park-closed-because-of-hazmat-situation-one-police-officer-contaminated>

46. *July 29, North Andover Patch* – (Massachusetts) **Girl Scouts gauze scare diffused.** Several fire trucks, ambulances, police cruisers, a hazmat team and a bomb squad were on the scene at the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts building on Turnpike Street in North Andover June 29. Children and staff were quickly evacuated from the building, and emergency crews stood ready for action. A few hours later, the danger was removed and the building was fine. “A member of the North Andover Fire Department was called by the staff,” a Girl Scouts spokesperson said. “They were concerned that first aid kits had become a fire hazard.” In the 1930s and 1940s, gauze contained picric acid, used in treating burns. But over time, when the material breaks down, it has the potential to become flammable. The chemicals that the Girl Scouts’ gauze were saturated with had crystalized and had become a fire hazard and potentially explosive. When the first aid kits were taken apart, making the chemicals more vulnerable to explosion, the fire department then brought in a hazmat team — made up of firefighters from several area communities — and the state bomb squad, a fire lieutenant said.

Source: <http://northandover.patch.com/articles/gauze-acid-scare-at-girl-scouts>

47. *July 1, Lancaster Intelligencer Journal and Lancaster New Era* – (Pennsylvania) **Police say accidental propane leak contributed to car wash explosion.** An early morning explosion July 1 leveled a car wash just south of Lancaster, Pennsylvania in a blast that woke up people 2 miles away. The car wash blew apart at 3:30 a.m. on its property at Engleside, along the 1000 block of Willow Street Pike, just south of the bridge over the Conestoga River. The busy north-south road was closed early today. West Lampeter Township police said in a July 1 press release the explosion caused an estimated \$1.5 million in damage. The preliminary investigation determined an accidental propane gas leak contributed to the blast. The explosion propelled debris from the building across the street. It also blew open doors and knocked items off the walls of nearby homes in a mobile home park. No one was hurt by the blast. A state trooper said the seismograph at Millersville University, about 4 miles away, recorded the tremors from the explosion. A number of mobile homes in Engleside Mobile Home Park just south of the car wash, as well as nearby businesses were damaged by the explosion.

Source: http://lancasteronline.com/article/local/414588_Explosion-levels-car-wash-south-of-Lancaster.html

48. *July 1, Associated Press* – (Florida) **Woman injured in roof collapse at Fla. church.** A woman was seriously injured when a large section of roof collapsed at Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Gainesville, Florida. Fire officials said they do not know what caused 30-by-50-foot section of roof to fall June 30. Alachua County building inspectors were investigating. An Alachua County Fire Rescue spokesman said the woman was in the kitchen of the church’s community center when the accident happened. He said the woman was taken to Shands Hospital in serious condition. He said it took about 35 minutes to free the woman from the rubble. Authorities said the woman is a church employee.

Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2011/07/01/2294309/woman-injured-in-roof-collapse.html>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

49. *July 1, msnbc.com and Associated Press* – (New Mexico) **Los Alamos fire to become state’s biggest ever.** The Las Conchas fire threatening the Los Alamos nuclear weapons laboratory was expected to become the biggest in New Mexico’s recorded history July 1, the Christian Science Monitor reported. The fire has chewed up tens of thousands of acres a day since it started June 26, charring nearly 145 square miles, or 92,735 acres, by the morning of June 30. The previous record-holder, the Dry Lakes fire, burned 94,000 acres in 2003. According to data published jointly by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the University of Nebraska, New Mexico, much of Texas — which has had a record fire season — and the southeastern U.S., are in the throes of extreme to exceptional drought conditions. United Press International reported the wildfire near Los Alamos brought new challenges to fire crews. “We’re seeing fire behavior we’ve never seen down here, and it’s really aggressive,” the Los Alamos County Fire Chief said June 30. While firefighters are confident they can keep both the lab and town safe from the fire, other areas were less fortunate with the fire’s northern front burning sacred Native American sites, and threatening the town of Santa Clara Pueblo. The governor of Santa Clara Pueblo said his people were devastated by the news coming in from the front lines of the firefighting efforts — cultural sites destroyed, forest resources lost, and plants and animals that the pueblo’s 2,800 residents depend on gone.

Source: <http://today.msnbc.msn.com/id/43604230/ns/weather/>

50. *July 1, Associated Press* – (Alabama) **Fire burns acreage at Ala. Gulf State Park.** Firefighters said they hope a fire that has consumed about 1,000 acres of the Alabama Gulf State Park in Gulf Shores, Alabama will burn itself out. Orange Beach fire trucks waited June 30 along Canal Road while the wildfire continued to burn for the sixth day. The Orange Beach fire chief said the fire was pushing toward

containment lines. Helicopters dropped water to keep the north side of the Gulf Ridge trail saturated. Engines, tractors, and brush trucks were on the trail watching for any breaks. No residents have been evacuated and unless conditions change, the chief said he does not see the need for anyone to leave.

Source: <http://www.gadsdentimes.com/article/20110701/APN/1107010630>

51. *July 1, Washington Post* – (District of Columbia) **Washington Monument elevator back in service after incident.** The Washington Monument elevator in Washington D.C. was back in service early July 1, after stalling the evening of June 30 with 16 people aboard. D.C. firefighters were called to rescue 16 people from the stuck elevator about 6:45 p.m. Rescue workers were able to bring the elevator, which was stuck about 490 feet above ground, to the floor, but a group of people were stranded at the top of the monument and had to walk down, a fire department spokesman said. A National Park Service spokesman said the elevator was back in service when the monument opened to the public July 1.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/post_now/post/16-people-were-stuck-in-washington-monument-elevator/2011/06/30/AG78gqsH_blog.html

52. *June 30, Cibola Beacon* – (New Mexico) **Fires force closure of lands statewide.** The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish has closed several state game commission-owned wildlife areas, campgrounds, and fishing areas June 30 because of extreme fire conditions, and to coincide with closures in bordering national forests and other public lands. The Santa Fe National Forest went into full closure, restricting all access to trails and campgrounds except those in the Coyote Ranger District and northern part of the Cuba Ranger District, which will remain under Stage 2 fire restrictions. The Carson National Forest announced closures for all ranger districts except the Jicarilla. The Lincoln National Forest is closed, and there are partial closures in the Cibola and Gila national forests.

Source:

<http://www.cibolabeacon.com/articles/2011/07/01/news/doc4e0cf833f0552742251526.txt>

53. *June 30, Associated Press* – (Minnesota) **Threat of Minnesota government shutdown prompts state parks to tell campers to pack, leave.** The threat of a Minnesota government shutdown is prompting officials to close state parks just ahead of the busy Fourth of July weekend. State park officials June 30 began warning campers to pack their gear and leave well before the midnight deadline for a government shutdown. They said it would be too difficult to herd campers out in the middle of the night if talks failed.

Source:

<http://www.dailyjournal.net/view/story/d61cb66bcaa3470f9a3ce1be567ca594/MN--Minnesota-Government-Shutdown-State-Parks/>

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Dams Sector

54. *July 1, Bismarck Tribune* – (National) **Missouri rises as releases fall.** The Missouri River continued to defy expectations as it rose June 30 in spite of falling releases from the Garrison Dam in North Dakota. The cause, experts said, is likely sediment deposited in the riverbed. The Missouri River in Bismarck-Mandan was at 19.22 feet at 9 p.m. June 30, higher than a few days earlier, before the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers lowered outflows from the dam peak of 150,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 145,000 cfs. The river was at 19.19 feet at 9 p.m. June 29. The condition is due to the high velocity of the water carrying away the riverbed, creating a deeper channel that could conduct more water at a higher rate. The river is beginning to slow down and replacing the riverbed it lost with sediment from upstream. Because the river has less power to blast sediment downstream, it is depositing it. Experts did not think back-up from Oahe was creating a higher river at Bismarck-Mandan. The Corps plans to lower releases to 110,000 cfs by July 29, and it is working to lower Lake Sakakawea by 3.9 feet over the month of July. Oahe is forecast to fall by 1.9 feet over the next month, according to the Corps' forecast.

Source: http://www.bismarcktribune.com/news/local/article_7c6c0be2-a362-11e0-bcef-001cc4c002e0.html

55. *July 1, Mitchell Daily Republic* – (South Dakota) **Corps will close, inspect gates to spillway at Big Bend Dam today.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers closed the spillway gates at Big Bend Dam in South Dakota, July 1 to inspect how the water has affected the structure; this was the first time the Corps opened the spillway gates due to floodwater. The dam operations project manager said the gates were closed from 9.5 feet June 30, so the Corps could begin preliminary inspections of the structure and bank erosion. Once all the gates were closed, personnel inspected the concrete apron, wing walls, and dissipation pillars. "We expect repairs when this is done," the manager said of the release due to excess water. It will be an all-day event, he added, and will include work by Indian Health Services to the Crow Creek Indian Reservation flow intake for the water treatment plant. The Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Corps, and a South Dakota U.S. Senator's office have been looking into a temporary solution for the issue. Water plant personnel reported more sediment clogging the filters, reducing the reservation's ability to produce drinkable water by 50 percent.

Source: <http://www.mitchellrepublic.com/event/article/id/54320/>

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