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- The New York Times reports a charter fishing boat carrying 44 people sank July 3 in the Sea of Cortez off the coast of Mexico, leaving at least 1 person dead and 7 Americans missing, the U.S. Coast Guard said. (See item [21](#))
- Two suspects were charged July 4 on charges in connection with the ramming of a gate at a Coast Guard station in Charleston, South Carolina, which resulted in the evacuation of the base early July 3, WCIV 4 Charleston reports. (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 5, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **5,000 gallons of oil spill in ND tanker accident.** A semitrailer hauling oil from Canada rolled off a highway in far northeastern North Dakota, injuring the driver and spilling thousands of gallons of oil. The North Dakota Highway Patrol reported that a 24-year-old was driving the rig with two tanker trailers when it drifted into the shoulder of Highway 18 in the evening July 4, just north of Cavalier. The accident report said the truck and trailers rolled onto their sides into the roadside ditch. About 5,000 gallons of oil spilled from the first tank, but

the second tank remained intact. The driver was injured and taken by ambulance to Pembina County Memorial Hospital in Cavalier. The extent of his injuries were not immediately known. The accident report said he was traveling from Winnipeg, Manitoba, with a load of road oil.

Source: <http://www.ctpost.com/news/article/5-000-gallons-of-oil-spill-in-ND-tanker-accident-1452281.php>

2. *July 5, WFIR AM 960* – (Virginia) **Roanoke Valley storm knocks out power, causes damage.** A big thunderstorm in Roanoke, Virginia, slammed into the Roanoke Valley around 4 p.m. July 4, damaging buildings, blocking roads with debris, and knocking out power to thousands. By late afternoon, Appalachian Power Company (APCO) listed more than 11,000 customers without electricity, and APCO was still working early July 5 to restore power. Winds gusting up to 75 miles per hour flipped a small plane and damaged several others at Roanoke Regional Airport. The winds tore off a portion of the roof of Northside Middle School and there was water damage to the inside of the building.
Source: <http://wfir960.com/local-news/roanoke-valley-storm-knocks-out-power-causes-damage>
3. *July 5, WBNS 10 Columbus* – (Ohio) **Crews monitoring diesel that spilled into Scioto River.** Fire crews and officials from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency continued July 5 to clean up thousands of gallons of fuel that spilled July 4 from a CSX train passing through Columbus, Ohio. According to fire officials, the train that was passing through Columbus on its way to Cincinnati from Cleveland had a leak in a fuel line that resulted in the loss of about 1,700 gallons of fuel. There were two small fuel spills into the Scioto River at railroad crossings in downtown Columbus and at a crossing on Town Street, fire officials said. Hazardous materials crews were working to absorb the spill and contained the estimated 30 gallons that leaked into the river. The spill was being absorbed by bags of oil absorbent. It was unclear how long it would take to clean up the spill.
Source: <http://www.10tv.com/live/content/local/stories/2011/07/05/story-columbus-train-fuel-spill-scioto-river.html?sid=102>
4. *July 5, Associated Press* – (Montana) **Rising river complicates Exxon oil spill cleanup.** The initial cleanup along the oil-fouled Yellowstone River could be tested July 5 as rising waters make it harder for Exxon Mobil Corp. to get to areas damaged by the crude spilled from a company pipeline. The National Weather Service predicts the Yellowstone River, swelling with mountain snowmelt amid hot summer temperatures, will peak at Billings, Montana in the afternoon July 5 — a day after the Exxon Mobil Pipeline Co. President promised to do “whatever is necessary” to mop up oil spilled from the duct at the river bottom. That pledge included sending crews to walk the river banks in search of pooled oil once the flooding river recedes. The 12-inch pipeline burst July 1 upstream from a refinery in Billings, where it delivered 40,000 barrels of oil a day. Up to 1,000 barrels, or 42,000 gallons, of crude oil oozed into the legendary Yellowstone before the leak was stopped, according to Exxon Mobil estimates. After downplaying assertions from state and federal officials that damage

from the spill was spread over dozens of miles, Exxon Mobil acknowledged July 4 that the scope of the leak could extend far beyond a 10-mile stretch of the river. The 20-year-old Silvertip pipeline followed a route that passes beneath the river. It was temporarily shut down in May after Laurel officials raised concerns that it could be at risk as the Yellowstone started to rise. Also twice in the last year, regulators warned Exxon Mobil of several safety violations along the line. The company decided to restart the line after examining its safety record and deciding it was safe, the Exxon Mobil Pipeline Co. President said.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory?id=13997242>

5. *July 4, Detroit Free Press* – (Michigan) **Metro Detroit homes, businesses still without power after Saturday’s storms.** About 20,000 homes and businesses in metro Detroit, Michigan were without power July 4, two days after strong storms swept through the area. The bulk of the outages were in Wayne County, which had the largest number of DTE Energy customers affected by the storms. A total of 125,000 customers lost power. DTE Energy crews continued to work to restore power to about 20,000 homes and businesses in metro Detroit, as those customers headed into a third day without power and temperatures threatened to creep toward 90 degrees.

Source: <http://www.freep.com/article/20110704/NEWS05/110704016/Metro-Detroit-homes-businesses-still-without-power-after-Saturday-s-storms?odyssey=tab|mostpopular|text|FRONTPAGE>

6. *July 3, KNBC 4 Los Angeles* – (California) **Huntington Beach street closed after oil pipeline break.** Southbound Goldenwest Street in Huntington Beach, California was closed the weekend of July 1 to accommodate the cleanup of hundreds of gallons of crude oil that bubbled up from a break in an underground pipeline. Oil started pooling along the road between Ellis and Garfield avenues about 6 a.m. July 1, and firefighters built sand berms around it to keep it from spreading. A local oilman told the Orange County Register he estimated that about 20 barrels, or 850 gallons, had leaked, presumably from 2-inch line that connects to 6-inch pipeline that carries crude oil to a Chevron refinery, the newspaper reported. The owner of the pipeline, Crimson Pipeline, will cover the costs of the cleanup and repairing the line, which is buried up to 6 feet deep. The spill drew a hazardous-materials response team from the Huntington Beach Fire Department, as well as officials from California Fish and Game, and the Office of the State Fire Marshal. The cleanup may require some excavation and removal of soil.

Source: <http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/Huntington-Beach-Street-Closed-After-Oil-Pipeline-Break-124945709.html>

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Chemical Industry Sector

7. *July 5, Indianapolis Star* – (Indiana) **Damage estimated at \$1M in tire shop.** A two-alarm fire July 4 caused about \$1 million in damage to an Indianapolis, Indiana tire shop filled with dangerous materials. Fire crews spent more than 3 hours fighting the

blaze at Pomp's Tire Service in the 2100 block of South Harding Street. The fire, reported at 8:23 a.m., destroyed one of three 40-by-60-foot buildings at the business. The business had been closed since July 2, an Indianapolis Fire Department captain said in a news release. No injuries were reported, but firefighters were concerned about walls and hazardous materials, including oil barrels and propane gas tanks, at the site. The fire captain said the cause of the fire is under investigation.

Source: <http://www.indystar.com/article/20110705/LOCAL18/107050329/Damage-estimated-1M-tire-shop-fire?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|Communities>

8. *July 4, Cleveland Plain Dealer* – (Ohio) **Chemical fire causes more than \$200,000 damage in Wickliffe.** A fire at the CP Chemical Co. in Wickliffe, Ohio caused more than \$200,000 in damage July 3. Fire officials said the 5:41 p.m. fire occurred in a reactor at the plant, where nickel sulfate is processed, when the highly flammable gas used in the process ignited. Thirty-six firefighters doused the blaze and contained it to the building. Fire officials said there was no threat to the community from the fire.
Source:
http://blog.cleveland.com/metro/2011/07/chemical_fire_causes_200000_da.html
9. *July 4, Fort Payne Times-Journal* – (Alabama; Georgia) **Chemical truck wreck shuts down I-59.** A July 2 tractor-trailer wreck had Interstate 59 in DeKalb County, Georgia, closed and emergency officials working to move a hazardous chemical. The accident happened about 3:30 a.m. when a truck driven ran off the road and wrecked, partially blocking the northbound I-59 lane. The truck was hauling a flammable acid, according to the deputy director of the DeKalb County Emergency Management Agency. She stressed none of the chemical was spilled, but workers remained on the scene to move the chemical from the wrecked truck to another truck for safe hauling. The accident scene was just north of the 240 mile marker and within sight of the Alabama Welcome Center. Troopers said traffic was rerouted at the Sulphur Springs exit in Alabama and at the first Georgia exit across the state line. All lanes of I-59 traffic were opened again for traffic at about 2 p.m.
Source: http://times-journal.com/news/dekalb_county/article_7685ade4-a4d1-11e0-a889-001cc4c002e0.html
10. *July 1, KHON 2 Honolulu* – (Hawaii) **Waikele fireworks explosion cause undetermined.** After more than 3 months, investigators with the Honolulu Fire Department in Hawaii concluded the cause of the Waikele fireworks explosion as “undetermined.” Fire investigators said July 1 they completed their investigation into the cause and origin of the April 8 explosion that killed five men who worked for Donaldson Enterprises and critically injured a sixth. “The bunker has patterns of fire and explosion that at least let us focus on...the general area of where the blast and fire appears to have started, but we can't pinpoint it exactly and therefore we have a harder time working out an exact cause,” a fire captain said. Investigators determined the explosion happened near the front of the bunker. Investigators analyzed witness statements, pictures, and diagrams before coming up with what they call a hypothesis. Separate investigations by the U.S. Chemical Safety Board, the FBI, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) are ongoing.

Source: http://www.khon2.com/news/local/story/Waikele-Fireworks-Explosion-Cause-Undetermined/y3zSzZYgBku3XUwKw_bnOQ.csp

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

11. *July 4, Lake County News-Sun* – (Illinois) **Fire at Zion nuke plant under investigation.** A transformer explosion and fire July 2 outside the lakefront nuclear reactors in Zion, Illinois, drew a response from four area fire departments, though Zion officials stressed that the incident was “contained completely to the exterior of the nuclear generating station.” Fire department officials reported July 3 that the cause of the fire remained undetermined. Fire crews were directed through the main gate to a transformer bank, and they were told that an automatic extinguishing system had been activated, a statement from Zion Fire and Rescue Department battalion chief said. The statement noted that the fire involved “flammable liquids which were part of the equipment on fire.” A reported 1,000 gallons of a water/foam solution was then used to fight the blaze, and reports state it was extinguished within six minutes. The automatic extinguishing system reportedly was kept running for another hour to cool the electrical equipment. The incident is under investigation. The property houses an estimated 1,000 tons of radioactive material, including spent fuel rods.
Source: <http://newssun.suntimes.com/news/6321747-418/fire-at-zion-nuke-plant-under-investigation.html>
12. *July 2, Attleboro Sun Chronicle* – (Massachusetts) **Nuke waste removed.** The Army Corps of Engineers has finished digging out radioactive waste from the Shpack landfill in Norton, Massachusetts, and hopes to complete its role in the federal Superfund project by September. Although excavation is complete, the Army Corps is still processing several thousand pounds of material on the site, the project manager said July 1. Once processed, the radioactive soil will be trucked off the 10-acre Shpack site and taken to a disposal facility in Clive, Utah. The project is on schedule, and the project manager expects to have the radioactive material processed by the end of August so the Corps can demobilize by September.
Source: <http://www.thesunchronicle.com/articles/2011/07/02/news/9828785.txt>
13. *July 2, Associated Press* – (New York) **Device with radioactive materials missing in NY.** A portable moisture density gauge that uses radioactive materials was reported stolen June 27 from a truck in a suburb north of New York City, New York. Stony Point police reported to the media July 2 that they are searching for the over \$4,000 device, which is regulated by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). The gauge is licensed to a company that inspects construction material. The gauge was reported stolen June 27 from a truck parked outside the home of an employee who works for the testing company. The device’s radioactive sources are categorized by the NRC as “very unlikely to cause permanent injury to individuals.” A State Department

of Health spokesman said the radioactive sources are “doubly encapsulated and secured.” Exposure would occur if the device broke.

Source: <http://www.seattlepi.com/news/article/Device-with-radioactive-materials-missing-in-NY-1450738.php>

14. *July 1, Associated Press* – (Minnesota) **Xcel’s Monticello nuclear plant fired up.** Xcel Energy Inc.’s Monticello, Minnesota nuclear power plant had returned to full service as of July 1. The Xcel Energy plant was shut down June 24 so a safety relief valve could be replaced. The safety valve protects the main steam-line system from creating too much pressure. The plant generates enough power for almost half a million homes

Source: <http://money.msn.com/business-news/article.aspx?feed=AP&date=20110701&id=13852619>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

Nothing to report

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

15. *July 5, Global Security Newswire* – (Alabama; Kentucky) **Anniston finishing off chemical weapons stockpile.** The Anniston Army Depot in Alabama as of June 30 eliminated 99.6 percent of its stockpile of chemical weapons, the Anniston Star reported. The Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility incinerated 659,345 munitions and bulk containers since operations began in 2003. The last demilitarization project, involving 3,000 deteriorating weapons filled with mustard blister agent, is expected to be finished in September. Meanwhile, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons conducted its latest on-site review of the chemical stockpile at the Blue Grass Army Depot in Kentucky in June, the Richmond Register reported. The team was sent to verify details of the U.S. declaration regarding the weapons stored at Blue Grass. The installation holds 523 tons of mustard agent and VX and sarin nerve agents, which are due for elimination by 2021. Recent reports indicated that completion of chemical neutralization operations at the site could be delayed.

Source: http://www.globalsecuritynewswire.org/gsn/nw_20110705_3042.php

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Banking and Finance Sector

16. *July 5, Associated Press* – (Oregon; Washington) **FBI: ‘Bad Hair Bandit’ now in Oregon.** The FBI says the so-called “Bad Hair Bandit,” sought in connection with as many as 18 bank robberies or attempted robberies in Washington, is now suspected in a robbery in the Portland suburb of Lake Oswego. A Portland FBI spokeswoman said the woman approached a teller July 1 in a Key Bank branch, indicated she had a weapon and demanded money. She walked out with an undisclosed amount of cash. The spokeswoman said the woman wore a distinctive short dark wig and fits the description of other heists by the “Bad Hair Bandit.” A \$10,000 reward is being offered for information leading to conviction of the robber.
Source: <http://www.spokesman.com/blogs/sirens/2011/jul/05/fbi-bad-hair-bandit-now-oregon/>
17. *July 4, Associated Press* – (Georgia; National) **Atlanta man charged in \$7 million investment fraud scheme.** An Atlanta, Georgia man is facing federal charges in connection with a \$7 million Ponzi scheme. The man is accused of recruiting at least 25 people in Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, Florida, and Michigan to invest in a purported hedge fund by falsely guaranteeing returns of up to 50 percent each year. Prosecutors said instead of investing the money, he used it to pay personal expenses and to repay earlier investors. He faces five counts of wire fraud and nine counts of mail fraud. Each count carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison.
Source:
<http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/view/story/6c12564d865f4dcf99239cfaa0841fd7/GA--Ponzi-Scheme/>
18. *July 2, Sacramento Bee* – (California) **Indictment alleges Elverta investment scam.** A former Placer County, California resident was accused June 30 in a federal grand jury indictment of stealing nearly \$2 million by flimflamming investors in a nascent Elverta real estate development. He was charged in 12 counts of mail fraud and four counts of using criminally derived funds for monetary transactions between April 2006 and July 2009. The 79-year-old was the operational manager for a group of investors who owned 1,800 acres in Elverta, and he was to prepare 66 of those acres for sale to residential and commercial builders, according to the indictment. It alleges that in calls for capital to defray expenses, he inflated the amounts due and siphoned the excess into his own pocket. He used the money for personal expenditures and investments, the indictment states.
Source: <http://blogs.sacbee.com/crime/archives/2011/07/indictment-alle.html>
19. *July 2, Futures Magazine* – (Nebraska) **Nebraska resident charged with operating unregistered CPO.** The U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) filed a complaint in the U.S. District Court for the District of Nebraska June 29 charging a Nebraska woman and ROF Consulting, LLC (ROF) with operating a fraudulent commodity pool scheme. The defendants operated the commodity pool NCCN, LLC (NCCN). The CFTC complaint alleges that from at least February 28, 2005 to October 26, 2009, the woman and ROF fraudulently solicited and accepted approximately \$4 million from NCCN pool participants. The defendants allegedly operated NCCN while not being registered as Commodity Pool Operators (CPOs), as required under the

Commodity Exchange Act and CFTC regulations. The complaint also charges the woman with making several fraudulent representations to actual and prospective pool participants.

Source: <http://www.futuresmag.com/News/2011/7/Pages/Nebraska-resident-charged-in-4M-Ponzi-scheme.aspx>

20. *July 1, Reuters* – (National) **Washington Mutual settles fraud suits for \$208 million.** Washington Mutual’s officers, directors, underwriters, and auditor agreed June 30 to a \$208.5 million settlement to end class-action securities fraud lawsuits, according to court documents. The lawsuits, in the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington, accused the defendants of concealing from investors poor loan underwriting and inflated appraisals that overstated earnings and inflated the company’s stock price. In September 2008, regulators seized the company’s savings and loan business in the largest bank failure in the nation’s history. Under the terms of the class-action settlement, announced in court papers dated June 30, claims against the directors and officers will be settled for about \$105 million. The settlement is subject to court approval.

Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2011/07/02/business/02wamu.html?_r=1

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Transportation Sector

21. *July 5, New York Times* – (International) **8 Missing in Mexico after vessel sinks.** A charter fishing boat, the Erik, with 44 people aboard sank into the Sea of Cortez off Mexico July 3, leaving at least 1 person dead, the U.S. Coast Guard said. Eight people, seven of them Americans, were still missing late July 4. Survivors of a capsized boat sat inside a helicopter after being rescued by the Mexican Navy in San Felipe July 4. “Initial reports from Mexico are that it was bad weather and possibly waves,” a spokesman for the Coast Guard said. Twenty-seven Americans and 17 other passengers and crew members were aboard the boat when it foundered at 2:30 a.m. July 3, about 60 miles south of the port of San Felipe, the Coast Guard said. Many passengers were able to swim ashore, and they alerted local authorities that the ship had gone down. Others were rescued by the Mexican Navy.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2011/07/05/world/americas/05drown.html>

22. *July 5, Associated Press* – (Massachusetts) **Fire breaks out on Boston fireworks barge.** A fire that broke out on a fireworks barge in the Charles River in Boston, Massachusetts, was quickly doused July 5. The fire was spotted about 5 a.m. on the barge that fired off Boston’s July Fourth fireworks July 4. The Boston Fire Department’s harbor unit responded and quickly had the blaze under control within an hour. The fire sent thick black smoke billowing across the river. The cause of the fire was not reported.

Source: <http://www.myfoxboston.com/dpp/news/local/barge-fire-in-charles-river-20110705>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

23. *July 5, Bloomberg* – (International) **UPS equips jets with oxygen masks after smoke in fatal crash.** United Parcel Service (UPS) will equip its aircraft fleet with full-face oxygen masks and goggles after a fatal cargo plane crash in which the crew said smoke from an onboard fire obscured flight instruments, Bloomberg reported July 5. The new gear was recommended by the Joint UPS-Independent Pilots Association Safety Task Force, which has been studying safety improvements, particularly with fires, since the September 2010 crash in Dubai. UPS said the protective gear will be added during the next two years. In April, UPS announced the installation of the Emergency Vision Assurance System, a transparent inflatable vision device that allows pilots to see amid dense smoke. The one-piece face masks can be put on with one hand in 3 seconds, five times faster than the two-piece models on most planes, UPS said.

Source:

<http://www.detnews.com/article/20110705/NATION/107050304/1020/nation/UPS-equips-jets-with-oxygen-masks-after-smoke-in-fatal-crash>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

24. *July 5, Reuters* – (International) **Egyptian seeds most likely source of deadly E. coli.** A single shipment of fenugreek seeds from Egypt is the most likely source of a highly toxic E. coli epidemic in Germany which has killed 49 people and of a smaller outbreak in France, European investigators said July 5. The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) said additional European Union member states and other countries had or may have received batches of suspect seeds and urged the European Commission to make “all efforts” to prevent any further consumer exposure. Consumers should not eat sprouts or sprouted seeds unless they are thoroughly cooked, it said. More than 4,100 people in Europe and North America have been infected in two outbreaks of E. coli infection — one centered in northern Germany and one focused around the French city of Bordeaux.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/07/05/ecoli-europe-idUSL6E7I50B920110705>

25. *July 4, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **Man injured in Wimbledon anhydrous ammonia accident.** A 53-year old man is at a Minneapolis-area hospital burn unit after he was seriously injured in an anhydrous ammonia incident July 1 in Wimbledon, North Dakota. The Barnes County sheriff said a hose blew off the ammonia tank, and the liquid fumes hit the man’s body at a fertilizer plant that morning.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/9ab5080e2ebc4ca99045133ee3064037/ND--Ammonia-Burn/>

26. *July 3, Associated Press* – (Kansas) **3 people arrested after explosion outside Kan. bar.** Three people were arrested after an explosive device was set off behind a bar July 3 in Junction City, Kansas. Junction City police said the explosion at Club Coyote caused some minor damage to a nearby vehicle and sent people running from the area. A police chief described the incident as a “Fourth of July prank.” When an officer arrived in the area, witnesses pointed out three men seen walking from the area and identified them as the ones who had set off the device. Police said one of the men told police he might have more material at his home for making explosives. After obtaining a search warrant, police discovered suspected homemade “blasting caps” and one substance believed to be “very volatile.” Charges are expected to be filed July 5.
Source: <http://www.ctpost.com/news/article/3-people-arrested-after-explosion-outside-Kan-bar-1451298.php>

27. *July 2, KFSN 30 Fresno* – (California) **Ammonia leak at Cutler fruit packing plant.** Ammonia leaked out of a fruit packing plant in Cutler, California, early July 2. The Tulare County Sheriff’s Department said the ammonia had been leaking since midnight at the Wileman Brothers and Elliott plant. A hazmat team, fire crews, and Sheriff’s Deputies responded to the scene July 2. Road blocks were set up near the plant to keep people away from the dangerous gas. Deputies said the plant was empty when the leak was reported. Authorities advised people in the area to stay inside, close their doors and windows, and turn off air conditioning units. The cause of the leak is under investigation.
Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/kfsn/story?section=news/local&id=8226677>

28. *July 1, Santa Cruz Sentinel* – (California) **Ammonia leak sickens workers.** Five workers at Del Mar Foods in Watsonville, California, were treated at a local hospital after an ammonia leak occurred inside the plant about 11 p.m. July 1. A Watsonville fire captain said a seal that is part of the refrigeration system at the plant overheated and released vapor amounting to about half a pound in an engineering room. One worker vomited, and four others complained of watery eyes and irritation of the throat. The leak did not extend to other parts of the plant, and engineers worked quickly to begin repairs, the fire captain said July 2. The Hazard Materials Team was not deployed, but the fire captain said he contacted the county Office of Emergency Services and the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Del Mar Foods employs about 500 people, processing fruits and vegetables shipped around the world.
Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_18394930

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Water Sector

29. *July 4, Springfield State Journal-Register* – (Illinois) **Jacksonville boil order remains in effect; water use rules relaxed.** A boil order remained in effect for Jacksonville, Illinois, and several outlying communities July 4 while water conservation restraints were relaxed. According to the city’s Mayor, the water treatment plant is not yet fully functional, but officials believe that normal activities will not overload the water system. “We are not allowing people to water their yard or fill their swimming pool, however, general use of day-to-day activities may resume,” he said. Jacksonville and several outlying communities have been under a boil order since June 18, when the water treatment plant had to be shut down because it was submerged in about four feet of water. Officials initially hoped the plant would be back online by July 1, but setbacks have pushed the boil order into July. The boil order remains in effect for Jacksonville, Scott Morgan Green Water Cooperative, Murrayville Woodson Water Commission, and Alexander Rural Water District.

Source: <http://www.sj-r.com/top-stories/x230661628/Boil-order-remains-in-effect-for-Jacksonville-other-communities>

30. *July 1, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* – (Wisconsin) **4 communities report sewer overflows.** Municipal sanitary sewers overflowed in Milwaukee, Wauwatosa, Shorewood, and Fox Point during heavy rainstorms June 20 to June 22, according to reports released by the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR). As storm water filled separate sanitary sewers, municipal crews or automatic pumps transferred waste water from the sewers to local waterways in an attempt to prevent sewage backups into residential basements, according to a DNR waste water engineer. The four communities discharged 523,650 gallons of untreated waste water to streams and Lake Michigan. The Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) did not report any separate sanitary sewer overflows the week of June 27. Combined sanitary and storm sewers in central Milwaukee and eastern Shorewood spilled 170.5 million gallons June 20 and 21, according to MMSD.

Source: <http://www.jsonline.com/news/milwaukee/124897019.html>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

31. *July 5, Wausau Daily Herald* – (Wisconsin) **Hepatitis C cases in region on the rise.** Federal, state, and local health officials are trying to understand why the number of hepatitis C cases in six central and northern Wisconsin counties has increased. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and state Department of Health Services are working with health departments in Wood, Portage, Marathon, Langlade, Lincoln, and Oneida counties to figure out the reason the number of new cases among people younger than 30 more than doubled in 2009 and 2010, a Wood County public health nurse said. From 2004 through 2008, the six-county area had a combined average of 12.2 cases a year. In 2009 and 2010, they averaged 27 cases annually. One of the potential causes for the trend is an increase in intravenous drug use as one new case of hepatitis C seen in Portage County in 2010 involved intravenous Heroin use. Nationally, health department officials think 35 to 70 percent of drug users who inject

are infected with hepatitis C. Unlike with hepatitis A and B, there is no prevention vaccine.

Source:

<http://www.wausaudailyherald.com/article/20110705/WDH0101/107050433/Hepatitis-C-cases-region-rise>

32. *July 5, Long Island Press* – (New York) **Suffolk whooping cough cases increase to 40.** Suffolk County health officials in New York said the number of cases of Pertussis, or whooping cough, have increased from 13 to 40. The first cases involved students at St. James Elementary School, Tacken Elementary School, and Nesaquake Middle School in Smithtown, Huntington, and Babylon. Health officials advised parents to make sure their children’s immunizations are up to date, but officials said the pertussis immunization may be only 80 percent effective. Its effectiveness often diminishes by the pre-pubescent years, they said. Pertussis is a highly contagious bacterial respiratory illness that causes uncontrollable, violent coughing that can last for weeks or months. Once a susceptible individual is exposed to the illness, it can take up to 21 days for symptoms to develop. Officials have mailed camp directors letters for parents and staff advising them how to help prevent the outbreak from spreading.

Source: <http://www.longislandpress.com/2011/06/30/suffolk-whooping-cough-cases-increase-to-40/>

33. *July 1, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **Colorado agency loses records.** The state of Colorado’s Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) has lost the names of 3,590 medical-aid applicants on a computer disk for the second time in a year, triggering a public notice under federal privacy rules. HCPF officials said the data did not include dates of birth, Social Security numbers, or other personal information that could lead to identity-theft cases. Some of the lost information includes health data protected under the privacy rules of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. The data did include the addresses and the state identification numbers for the applicants. The disk was lost on its way between two state agencies, the HCPF notice said, and was discovered May 6. The people whose information was lost will get notices in the mail.

Source: http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_18386029

34. *June 30, Nashville Tennessean* – (Tennessee) **Laptop with more than 1,500 patients’ data stolen.** A laptop containing more than 1,500 patient names and their personal information was stolen from a PhyData employee’s car in May. The medical billing and management company in Goodlettsville, Tennessee, reported the laptop was stolen May 7 from the trunk of the worker’s vehicle at RiverGate Mall. The theft was reported to local law enforcement and the company’s privacy officer. There is no indication that the information on the laptop was accessed or misused. The companies associated with PhyData that were affected are Advanced Diagnostic Imaging, Premier Radiology, and Anesthesia Services Associates. The majority of the names contained in the computer were patients between January 2009 and December 2010. The laptop had medical patient names, dates of birth, Social Security numbers, and medical record numbers.

Source: <http://www.tennessean.com/article/20110630/NEWS/306300073/Laptop-more-than-1-500-patients-data-stolen>

35. *June 30, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* – (Pennsylvania) **Shadyside Hospital worker admits stealing patient information.** A former employee of UPMC Shadyside Hospital pleaded guilty June 30 to taking the names, social security numbers, and birth dates of 19 hospital patients. He could face up to a year in prison for the misdemeanor crime. The assistant U.S. attorney said the employee wrote down the patient information in February 2008, when he was a surgical instrument technician, and gave it to two other men. They then used it to file fake tax returns in the names of the patients, and get refund anticipation loans. Some of the people in whose names the returns were filed eventually discovered it, and reported it to postal inspectors, the Internal Revenue Service, and the U.S. Secret Service. The men who filed the returns are believed to have fled the country. The employee was promised \$3,000 to \$4,000 for the data but was not paid, his defense attorney said. He will be sentenced October 20.
Source: <http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/11181/1157347-100.stm>

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36. *July 5, KIRO 7 Seattle* – (Washington) **Sailors arrested in bizarre burglary.** KIRO 7 Seattle confirmed three active duty U.S. Sailors were arrested in Thurston County, Washington, for a break-in at an elementary school. The Tenino police responded to the Rainier Elementary school shortly after 2 a.m. July 4 and found four men running from the area. Police continued their investigation and discovered burglars went onto the roof of school, broke a window, and then repelled some 15-20 feet into the school. Once inside, the burglars took a TV, DVD player, and possibly a microscope. The thieves were exiting the school as police entered the parking lot and they took off on foot leaving the stolen property behind. The burglars also allegedly left a car in the parking lot. Police spent the morning tracking down leads and then arrested four men. One is from Rainier the other three are described by police as active duty military service members from the Naval Station Everett. All four of the men were booked for first-degree burglary and theft.
Source: http://www.kirotv.com/news/28445577/detail.html?cxntlid=cmg_cntnt_rss (http://www.kirotv.com/news/28445577/detail.html?cxntlid=cmg_cntnt_rss)-###
37. *July 5, Kennewick Tri-City Herald* – (Washington; International) **Cyberattack prompts PNNL to shut computer.** Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) shut down its Web site and blocked incoming e-mail July 1 after it discovered it was targeted in a highly sophisticated cyberattack, according to a lab spokesman. As a precaution, employees of the Department of Energy national lab in Richland, Washington, also were stopped from sending e-mails to addresses outside the lab or using the Internet. PNNL evidently was not the primary target of the attack, but it was passed on to the lab, the spokesman said. The corporate offices of Battelle, which operates the Richland lab, and at least one other national lab also were under

cyberattack. No classified information at PNNL was compromised or was in danger of being compromised, he said. The lab's Web site, pnnl.gov, was back up by the evening of July 1, but its external e-mail service was not scheduled to be restored until PNNL staff fully diagnosed what happened and added any needed security patch. It was unknown July 1 how long that would take. Cyberattacks are common at the lab, with 4 million attacks on its external computer network every day, the spokesman said. Source: <http://www.thenewstribune.com/2011/07/02/1733293/cyberattack-prompts-pnnl-to-shut.html>

38. *July 4, Associated Press* – (Arkansas) **Camden Public Library destroyed by fire.** The Camden Fire Department in Arkansas said a fire overnight July 3 destroyed the city's library. Firefighters were called at 2:30 a.m. as flames worked through the building. Library officials were assessing the damage. Firefighters were working to determine the cause of the fire. Source: <http://www.todaysthv.com/news/article/163595/2/Camden-Public-Library-destroyed-by-fire>
39. *July 4, WCIV 4 Charleston* – (South Carolina) **Bond set on men accused of busting into Coast Guard base.** Two men accused of ramming the gate of a Coast Guard station early July 3 stood before a judge July 4 in Charleston, South Carolina. One of the suspects, a 20-year-old man, was charged with possession of a stolen handgun. The other suspect, a 22-year-old man, was charged with possession of a stolen vehicle, possession of a stolen handgun, and failure to stop for blue lights. The Charleston police said the incident started around 1 a.m. when officers responded to reports of a stolen car in downtown Charleston. Officers said when they attempted to stop the car, the two suspects drove off, turned onto Tradd Street, and sped off. Moments later, police were notified the two men had slammed through the main gate of the Coast Guard Station Charleston, and were loose on the base. A spokesman with the Coast Guard said the base was then evacuated as a SWAT team was brought in to locate the two suspects. A coast guard boat and helicopter were used in the search effort along with K-9 units. The K-9 units found the suspects several hours later hiding under a dock on the base. At bond court July 4 the 22-year old told the judge he was high on drugs at the time of the crime. Source: <http://www.abcnews4.com/story/15022857/bond-set-on-men-accused-of-busting-into-coast-guard-base>
40. *June 29, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office* – (California) **Phony army commander pleads guilty, sentenced.** The self-appointed "Supreme Commander" of a phony Army unit who outfitted more than 200 recruits with uniforms and provided them bogus documents for a fee pleaded guilty June 29 and was sentenced to prison, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office in California said. The 51-year-old Chinese national from El Monte pleaded guilty to three felony counts — theft by false pretenses, manufacturing deceptive government documents, and counterfeit of an official government seal, the Deputy District Attorney said. The man was sentenced to 3 years in state prison and ordered to pay restitution. In exchange for the man's plea,

the remaining 10 counts were dismissed.

Source: <http://da.co.la.ca.us/mr/062911a.htm>

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41. *July 4, WSBTV 2 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **Federal Agent’s home burglarized, guns taken.** A federal agent said someone broke into his DeKalb County, Georgia home and stole several guns. He had at least five guns stolen from his home in Ellenwood, including his service weapon. He was on vacation in Arkansas when burglars busted through a basement window early July 2 and ransacked his house. He showed WSBTV 2 Atlanta how the bandits broke down the double-locked door to his bedroom where he kept his guns. He said the burglars got away with at least five guns, including his service weapon, plus electronics, thousands of dollars in savings bonds, two safes full of personal paperwork, and the truck in his driveway.

Source: <http://www.wsbtv.com/news/28442690/detail.html>

42. *July 4, Anderson Independent Mail* – (South Carolina) **Lightning knocks out 911 emergency lines briefly in Anderson.** Anderson, South Carolina’s 911 emergency lines are back up after a brief shortage following a lightning strike late July 4, officials said. Emergency contingency plans have been put into place and dispatchers will be working from alternate sites until at least July 5, said the director of emergency services for the county. The 911 lines were down for about four to five minutes but were restored by 5 p.m., he said. Dispatchers were already working at an alternate call center, to coordinate the response to two separate reported drownings on Hartwell Lake, when the main dispatch office took a direct lightning strike, he said. The lightning strike also shut down the system that linked dispatchers to the South Carolina Highway Patrol communications in the area, said a spokesman for the South Carolina Highway Patrol. The Highway Patrol uses a regional dispatching system, so calls were almost immediately rerouted through Greenville County and other call centers. More than 350 Anderson County residents were without power on July 4, according to an online outage system for Duke Energy.

Source: <http://www.independentmail.com/news/2011/jul/04/lightning-knocks-out-911-emergency-line-anderson/>

43. *July 4, New Hampshire Union Leader* – (New Hampshire) **Suspicious package at fire station brings bomb squad.** Firefighters and dispatchers evacuated the Central Fire Station in Manchester, New Hampshire, July 4 when a suspicious package, the second for the day in the city, was discovered beside the station flagpole, police said. About a half-hour before that event, National Guardsmen flagged down police about a suspicious package on the corner of the National Guard Armory property on Canal Street, a police lieutenant said. In both cases, the packages included illegible writing, some material such as paper or wrapping on the exterior, and nothing dangerous inside,

he said. He said police located the person they believe responsible and are continuing to investigate. No arrest has been made. The fire station package was spotted about 3:30 p.m. Firefighters pulled fire engines out of the bays, and dispatchers used the dispatch center at the police station. New Hampshire State police were called, and within 90 minutes had X-rayed the package to determine it was harmless, he said.

Source: <http://www.unionleader.com/article/20110704/NEWS07/110709952>

44. *July 4, Torrance Daily Breeze* – (California) **Police arrest 2 in aircraft laser strikes near LAX.** Two men were arrested July 4 on suspicion of pointing lasers at police aircraft near Los Angeles International Airport in California and could face both state and federal charges, police said. The suspects, ages 20 and 22, both of Los Angeles, were arrested at 1:45 a.m. and will likely face felony charges, officials said. A police helicopter on regular patrol July 4 was hit with a green laser, and the crew was able to pinpoint the general location of the beam, a spokesman of the LAPD Air Support Division said. A second flight crew that was replacing the first unit brought protective glasses with them based on the earlier reports. The second crew was soon hit with the same green laser, and reported to police on the ground the exact location of the laser, the spokesman said. Police found the suspects with two lasers in a South Central Los Angeles home.
Source: http://www.dailybreeze.com/news/ci_18408916
45. *July 3, Brick Patch* – (New Jersey) **Lightning knocks out Ocean County Communications Center.** Lightning from severe early evening storms knocked out power to the Ocean County, New Jersey Communications Center in Toms River around 6:20 p.m. on July 3. The National Weather Service (NWS) in Mount Holly, Burlington County, had issued a severe thunderstorm warning at 5:50 p.m. for parts of Monmouth and Ocean counties. Without power, the Ocean County Communications Center, which dispatches police, fire, and EMS, had to set up its mobile unit, according to Toms River Police. Police confirmed that the power failure was a result of the storms, which, the NWS said, would contain intense lightning, heavy rain, and high winds.
Source: <http://brick.patch.com/articles/lightning-knocks-out-ocean-county-communications>
46. *July 3, KOTV 6 Tulsa* – (Oklahoma) **Five Tulsa police cars broken into over weekend.** Police in Tulsa, Oklahoma, said five police cars were broken into over the weekend of July 1 at the department's main garage. Police made the discovery July 3 in the 1400 block of Charles Page, where they park a fleet of cars not currently assigned to officers. Police said all of the vehicles had their rear windows busted out. It is believed police property was stolen from the trunk of one of the cars. Police are investigating.
Source: <http://www.newson6.com/story/15020082/five-tulsa-police-cars-broken-intoit>
47. *July 1, PC Magazine* – (Arizona) **Anonymous hits Arizona police a third time.** Hacker group Anonymous on July 1 targeted Arizona law enforcement for the third time via a data dump that included information on 1,200 officers and a hack of several Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Web sites. In a note posted on Pastebin,

Anonymous said it “decided to get destructive” with this latest release, which includes a master list of over 1,200 officer’s usernames, passwords, and email addresses. Anonymous also defaced eight Arizona FOP Web sites and leaked hundreds of FOP documents and emails. Anonymous said the documents include racist commentary against Muslims, the U.S. President, and more. Hackers have been “passing around this password list amongst our black hat comrades for a while now, [but] the list proved to be too great, and now we are seeking community assistance in going through everybody’s inbox to retrieve and expose their secrets.” The Arizona Department of Public Safety’s Web site appears to be offline, as are the FOP Web sites targeted by Anonymous.

Source: <http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2387980,00.asp>

48. *July 1, Associated Press* – (Kentucky) **County moves security cameras after jail escape.** A western Kentucky jail is raising the height of 10 security cameras and encasing them after officials say an inmate used the device to hoist himself over the fence and escape. A McCracken County jailer told The Paducah Sun maintenance crews were moving the cameras up so they are out of reach of the inmates. The move comes just more than a week after an inmate escaped from the jail. The jailer said an inmate, facing a life sentence for armed robbery and drug charges, tied two pairs of pants together to make a rope, threw them over one of the cameras and hoisted himself on top of the camera before scaling a wall and escaping. He was captured a day and a half later.

Source: <http://www.greenwichtime.com/news/article/County-moves-security-cameras-after-jail-escape-1449042.php>

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Information Technology Sector

49. *July 5, The Register* – (International) **Popular FTP package download tarball poisoned.** A backdoor was discovered in the source code of a widely used FTP package. Version 2.3.4 of the source code for vsftpd – billed as probably the most secure and fastest FTP server for Unix-like systems – was replaced with a compromised version with an invalid signature. The dodgy tarball version of the code was uploaded onto the main download site and available for around 3 days before the hack was detected by the author of vsftpd July 3. He moved the main download to a new site, <https://security.appspot.com/vsftpd.html>, which is hosted by Google App Engine. The counterfeit code was poorly disguised and it is unlikely too many of the tech-savvy users of vsftpd fell victim to the hack. The incident illustrates code repositories can be poisoned and the importance of checking digital signatures as a safeguard against falling victim to such schemes.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/07/05/ftp_backdoor_shenanigans/

50. *July 5, Softpedia* – (International) **Critical vulnerabilities patched in phpMyAdmin.** The phpMyAdmin development team released critical updates for the popular Web-based database management tool in order to patch several vulnerabilities

that can be exploited to execute arbitrary code. The new 3.3.10.2 and 3.4.3.1 versions address a total of four security issues rated as highly critical by vulnerability research company Secunia. One of the flaws (CVE-2011-2505) stems from an error in the Swekey authentication function and can be exploited to manipulate the PHP session superglobal. This can be leveraged in other attacks, including the injection and execution of arbitrary PHP code. Another vulnerability (CVE-2011-2507) stems from the improper sanitizing of input passed to the PMA_createTargetTables() function in libraries/server_synchronize.lib.php. This allows attackers to truncate the pattern string and pass the /e modifier to preg_replace() which causes the second argument to be executed as PHP code. The third vulnerability (CVE-2011-2508) is also related to improperly sanitized input, but in the “PMA_displayTableBody()” function. The vulnerability can be leveraged to include files from local resources via directory traversal techniques. Finally, a weakness in setup scripts (CVE-2011-2506) was addressed. Attackers can exploit it to overwrite session variables and this can lead to arbitrary code injection. A researcher from Xxor AB is credited with discovering all of these vulnerabilities. None of them affect the older 2.11.x phpMyadmin branch. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Critical-Vulnerabilities-Patched-in-phpMyAdmin-209862.shtml>

51. *July 4, Techworld* – (International) **Apple developer Website vulnerability is fixed.** A vulnerability that could have led to phishing attacks against Mac OS X, iPad, and iPad developers has been closed, according to the hacker group that flagged up the hole on an Apple development Web site 2 months ago. YGN told Apple about the Arbitrary URL Redirect vulnerability and cross-site scripting issue April 25, warning it could lead to phishing attacks on developers using the Web site. Apple acknowledged YGN’s information April 27, but did not fix the hole. YGN then let news reporters know it would go public with the information in a short period of time even if Apple did not correct the problem. One day after the situation was reported on, Apple corrected the issue. Source: <http://news.techworld.com/security/3289370/>

52. *July 4, The Register* – (International) **Top level domain explosion could wreak mayhem on net.** A plan to populate the Internet with hundreds or thousands of new top-level domains has security researchers pondering some of the unintended consequences that could be exploited by online criminals. Mayhem might result from addresses that end in “exchange,” “mailserver,” “domain,” or other strings that are frequently used to designate highly sensitive resources on corporate and government networks. If a glitch ever caused an e-mail program or other application to reach one of these external addresses, instead of the internal server carrying the identical host name, the outcome could prove disastrous for the stability of the Internet. An even more dire scenario would arise if online criminals intentionally acquired a strategically named TLD and used the incoming connections to harvest passwords or mount attacks on the connecting clients. A corporate laptop, for example, that connected to an airport hotspot rather than the normal enterprise network might connect to the domain name “mailserver” controlled by hackers, rather than the trusted internal server by the same name. Similar attacks could be waged with other strings, including “wpad,” “lan,” and

“local.” The fears come 2 weeks after the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers approved a measure allowing anyone to submit applications for virtually any TLD.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/07/04/dotless_domain_security/

53. *July 1, WJRT 12 Flint* – (Michigan) **Chemical leak causes fire at Hemlock Semiconductor.** A chemical leak started a small fire July 1 at Hemlock Semiconductor in Thomas Township, Michigan. The leak happened at the facility just before 6:30 a.m. One person was taken to the hospital. About an hour later, a chemical release caused concern at a Dow Corning plant in Midland. Sirens went off around the Hemlock Semiconductor facility, warning residents in the area that there was a problem. Roads around the facility were blocked for about an hour. The emergency response team at Hemlock Semiconductor and the Thomas Township Fire Department were able to quickly put the fire out, but an employee of Hemlock Semiconductor was injured. The company triggered Saginaw County’s 911 Emergency Response System, alerting nearby residents of the situation by phone calls and text messages. The all-clear was given to residents about an hour after the chemical release. An hour after the Hemlock Semiconductor incident, a haze was detected near Dow Corning’s Midland facility on Saginaw Road. The haze was composed of ammonium chloride, which resulted from a small release of material at the site. It quickly dissipated and the all-clear was given there.

Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/wjrt/story?section=news/local&id=8226937>

54. *July 1, IDG News Service* – (International) **Spam messages promise Google+ invites, deliver drug ads.** Security vendor Sophos said pharmaceutical spammers recently started to cash in on the popularity of Google’s Facebook alternative by pushing out fake invitations to the Google+ social service. “The messages look similar to the real emails that users may receive from friends who are already members of Google+,” wrote a Sophos senior technology consultant July 1. “However, clicking on the links will not take you to the new social network, but instead take you to a pharmacy website set up to sell the likes of Viagra, Cialis and Levitra.” Google introduced its new service June 28. Early members were encouraged to invite their friends, but June 29 Google stopped adding new members because of the “insane demand,” according to the senior vice president of Google’s social media group. Spammers are always looking to cash in on the latest news trends, but with these fake Google+ invites, they lucked into an ideal scam. Many people are eager to click on Google+ to see exactly what the service is all about.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9218104/Spam_messages_promise_Google_invites_deliver_drug_ads

Internet Alert Dashboard

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

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

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Communications Sector

55. *July 4, IDG News Service* – (National) **Fox Twitter account hacked, claims Obama shot in Iowa.** The Twitter account for Fox News was apparently hacked, with six tweets falsely reporting early July 4 that the U.S. President had been shot twice in an Iowa restaurant while campaigning. The tweets were posted between 2 a.m. and 3 a.m. Eastern Time by the “foxnewspolitics” account. The account has a badge with a checkmark that means it has been verified by Twitter for authenticity. National media outlets in the U.S., including Fox News itself, carried no such reports. Fox News ran a story on its website acknowledging the hack, saying it “regrets any distress the false tweets may have created.” Officials at Twitter, which is based in San Francisco, California, said they do not comment on specific accounts for privacy reasons but added that users should follow its strong password advice.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9218116/Fox_Twitter_account_hacked_claims_Obama_shot_in_Iowa

56. *July 3, Pocono Record* – (Pennsylvania) **Verizon service in Stroudsburg area interrupted.** Some Verizon customers in Pennsylvania may have noticed an interruption in their phone service the weekend of July 1. At the Pocono Record office, phone lines were down at about 8:30 p.m. July 1, preventing outgoing and incoming calls and Internet service. Service was restored by 2 p.m. July 2. The Monroe County sheriff said he first learned phone lines were out early July 3 after receiving an email from the county offices alerting officials of the problem. The email said Verizon users could experience an interruption in service, but it did not specify the reason.

Source:

<http://www.poconorecord.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20110703/NEWS/110709946/-1/news>

57. *July 1, WOWK 13 Huntington* – (West Virginia) **St. Albans vandals damage Frontier Cable.** About 400 customers in St. Albans, West Virginia, were without Frontier Communications service July 1 when vandals cut the cable in a possible theft attempt, according to Frontier. The damaged cable is in a remote location, and Frontier officials said they hoped to have phone and Internet service restored July 2. The cable damage affected customers in the following areas: Pennsylvania Avenue, Lower Falls, Monterey Drive, Parkview, Lakeview, Sun Valley Drive, Shadyside Road, Riverside

Drive, Aliff Lane, Riverlake Estates, and Playland.

Source: <http://wowktv.com/story.cfm?func=viewstory&storyid=102524>

58. *July 1, WZZM 13 Grand Rapids* – (Michigan) **Radio station off air after lightning strike.** The owner of 103.7 “The Beat” said July 1 he was not sure when the Muskegon, Michigan radio station will be back on the air. The WUVS-FM broadcast facility on Peck Street was struck by lightning July 1, starting a small fire and creating a power surge that fried critical electronics. Cleanup of the damage caused by a small fire that started in the building was moving right along July 1. But because it is a holiday weekend, the station owner said it might take a little longer than usual to get everything he needs to put the station back on the air. He says it could be anywhere from a day or two to a week or two. The staff is posting community news and updates on their repairs at the 103.7 “The Beat” website.

Source: <http://www.wzzm13.com/news/regional/170829/5/Radio-station-off-air-after-lightning-strike?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|FRONTPAGE|p>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

59. *July 5, Connecticut Post* – (Connecticut) **Fairfield man found with van full of explosives; due in court today.** A Fairfield, Connecticut man who was charged with 141 counts of illegal possession of explosive devices for possessing and attempting to sell illegal fireworks out of a storage container in Bridgeport will be arraigned in court June 5. The 40-year-old man was arrested late July 1 after police located a van and storage container owned by him filled with illegal fireworks at a vacant lot near the J&G Glass Co. on Herbert Street. This is not the man’s first run-in with the law regarding illegal fireworks, according to court records. On July 3, 2008, he was arrested by state police and charged with two counts of illegal possession of exploding fireworks. In September 2008 he pleaded guilty in Derby Superior Court to those charges and paid \$2,500 in fines. He also pleaded no contest to a charge of possession of explosives. This latest investigation by city and state police and the FBI was sparked when an anonymous letter sent to the FBI stating that there was a container with “enough explosives to blow up two city blocks” in a lot near the corner of Herbert and Lindley streets. The man is also charged with the manufacture of bombs, criminal attempt to sell fireworks, and the storage and transportation of explosives and blasting agents. He was freed on \$25,000 bond and is scheduled to be arraigned July 5 at state Superior Court in Bridgeport.

Source: <http://www.ctpost.com/policereports/article/Fairfield-man-found-with-van-full-of-explosives-1452496.php>

60. *July 4, Colorado RealEstateRama* – (Colorado) **Denver man charged with arson of a building and other real property at a bookstore at Colorado Mills and other locations.** A Denver, Colorado, resident was named in a sealed criminal complaint June 27 on charges of arson of a building and other real property and use of a destructive device during and in relation to a crime of violence, the Department of Justice and the

Lakewood Police Department said July 4. The man is in state custody in Clear Creek County, where he is being held on charges of DUI and felony menacing. According to the affidavit in support of the criminal complaint, at approximately 12:38 a.m. June 25, an alarm was activated at the Borders bookstore located in the Colorado Mills Shopping Center. The Lakewood Police Department discovered the entrance/exit door of the store was shattered and cleared to allow entry into the business from the outside. The bomb squad located three suspect explosive devices. Also on June 25, at 8:05 a.m., the FBI was notified by the Lakewood Police Department that several of the front windows of a Best Buy store located approximately a half mile away from the bookstore were smashed open from the outside. No evidence of arson or a destructive device was recovered from the scene at Best Buy. At approximately 2:54 a.m., the Jefferson County Sheriff responded regarding an explosion and fire incident reported by guests at a Marriott Hotel located approximately a half-mile from the Best Buy, and approximately a mile from the bookstore. Deputies at the hotel scene recovered what appeared to be a crude device.

Source: <http://colorado.realestaterama.com/2011/07/04/denver-man-charged-with-arson-of-a-building-and-other-real-property-at-a-bookstore-at-colorado-mills-and-other-locations-ID0213.html>

61. *July 2, WJBK 2 Detroit* – (Michigan) **Multiple suspicious fires burn Saturday in Highland Park.** Firefighters spent the day July 2 putting out a string of suspicious fires in Highland Park, Michigan. Several homes, an apartment building, and a large furniture store on Woodward were all affected. Highland Park Fire officials said they spent the better part of the day trying to put out a total of eight fires. Michigan's Best Furniture Warehouse on Woodward and Pasadena was destroyed by a fire that started in an abandoned building just behind it. Crews on the scene said it appears to be arson. Highland Park Fire said they battled six fires July 1.

Source: <http://www.myfoxdetroit.com/dpp/news/local/firefighters-battle-multiple-blazes-in-highland-park-20110702-rs>

62. *July 2, WESH 2 Orlando* – (Florida) **Worker finds explosive device in Ocoee Park.** Police in Ocoee, Florida, said someone left an explosive device in the city's Central Park. A city parks worker found the item July 2, put it in his city-issued pickup truck, and drove it to Ocoee Police Headquarters, police said. Investigators called the Orange County Sheriff's Bomb Squad, who detonated the device. Officers described the item as a live explosive device. The case is under investigation.

Source: <http://www.wesh.com/r/28428926/detail.html>

63. *June 30, International Business Times* – (International) **Anonymous-LulzSec hacker hybrid releases Universal Music, Viacom user data.** The Anonymous-AntiSec-LulzSec has reportedly hacked into the Universal Music and Viacom servers, according to an International Business Times article posted June 30. According to The Wall Street Journal, the hybrid hackers' group has claimed to have released a cache of files, which includes passwords and other stolen user data. After a string of data theft from corporate and government Web sites in the past couple of months, LulzSec earlier the week of June 27 announced that it was stopping its operation, but rumors suggest they

have joined up with Anonymous. Anonymous wrote, “AntiSec is more than Lulz and more than even Anonymous: It is our true belief that this movement has the capability to change the world. And should that fail, we will at least rock the world.” Data releases will not contain information that “a typical Lulz Lizard can just abuse mindlessly,” Anonymous said. “Instead, we provide material that is primarily against corrupt Governments (in our world this is all Governments) and corrupt companies.” However, the group did not mention why it considers Universal Music and Viacom corrupt.

Source: <http://www.ibtimes.com/articles/172223/20110630/lulzsec-anonymous-universal-music-viacom-antisecc-hack-data-websites.htm>

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64. *July 5, msnbc.com, Reuters, and Associated Press* – (New Mexico) **‘One thing after another’: Floods threaten blaze-ravaged New Mexico.** As firefighters made progress saving Indian pueblo lands on the north end of New Mexico’s largest wildfire, officials worried July 4 about flash floods. The fast-burning Las Conchas fire, which triggered the temporary evacuation of the Los Alamos nuclear laboratory, has since charred more than 123,500 acres, the biggest torching of the state’s lands in history. Forecasters said seasonal rains were showing up across the tinder-dry Southwest, moving toward New Mexico. The superintendent of the Bandelier National Monument, a revered ancestral home of New Mexico’s pueblo Indian natives, said more than 50 percent of the park, which consists of a total of 33,750 acres, has been scorched by the Las Conchas fire. The visitors center, historic lodge, and the ancient Tyounyi Pueblo ruins have been spared. But those structures may be threatened by flash floods expected with the state’s monsoon season. Crews at Bandelier began working July 4 to clear stream beds, removing logs and other debris creating a clearer path so waters cannot back up and flood historic sites and buildings. Forestry and police investigators said they have determined the origin of the mammoth Las Conchas fire. It was ignited June 26 when strong winds tipped an aspen tree onto nearby power lines in the Santa Fe National Forest about 12 miles southwest of Los Alamos.
Source: <http://today.msnbc.msn.com/id/43636442/ns/weather/>

65. *July 4, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **Southern Arizona Monument Fire nearly contained.** Fire crews just about have the Monument Fire near Sierra Vista, Arizona, fully contained. The U.S. Forest Service said the fire has burned 30,526 acres or 47 square miles and is now 98 percent contained. The rehabilitation of fire lines is nearly complete. A small contingent of firefighters will remain with the Monument Fire throughout the week of July 4 performing rehabilitation and patrolling for hot spots. A small amount of chipping cut trees, repairing fences, and removing miscellaneous fire debris remains to be completed in the fire area. Fire personnel will be available to assist the Sierra Vista Ranger District with initial attacks on any new fire starts.

Source:

<http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/view/story/323383456a644fff8ae76bf1d53323ab/AZ--Monument-Fire/>

66. *July 4, KUSA 9 Denver* – (Colorado) **Two people aboard plane that crashed, sparked wildfire.** Authorities said two people were on board a plane that crashed the evening of July 3 near Wetmore, Colorado. The Custer County Sheriff's Office told KOAA that one person died on impact, and another was transported to a nearby hospital in Colorado Springs. The U.S. Forest Service said the crash near Co. Road 388 started a wildfire, which has burned 70 acres in the San Isabel Forest. There have been no evacuations at this time, but the Greenwood Subdivision has been put on standby. The Wetmore Volunteer Fire Department, the U.S. Forest Service, and the Florence Volunteer Fire Department were called to the scene.

Source: <http://www.9news.com/news/article/206314/188/Two-people-aboard-plane-that-crashed-sparked-wildfire>

67. *July 3, WRAL 5 Raleigh* – (North Carolina) **Bladen wildfire jumps burn line; threatens Cumberland homes.** A wildfire in Bladen County, North Carolina, that was sparked in May and destroyed three homes in the Live Oaks community jumped its containment line July 3, forcing the evacuation of at least 10 homes near the Bladen-Cumberland County line, emergency officials said. The state Forest Service has been battling the blaze, which has burned at least 3,200 acres since June 21. A "burnout operation" July 3 went awry, causing the flames to spread toward homes on Avery and Squatting Bear roads, off Turnbull Road, in southeast Cumberland County. Airplanes dumped water on the fire, a fire information officer for the Forest Service said, and crews were working to plow a new containment line. Multiple fire departments were on the scene to protect homes from damage. Three buildings were burned June 3, including a hunting cabin.

Source: <http://www.wral.com/news/local/story/9815376/>

68. *July 2, Associated Press* – (Alabama) **Officials blame state park fire on cooking embers.** An Alabama fire marshal said embers from a cooking fire started a fire that has raged for a week at Alabama Gulf State Park. The fire marshal said it was unclear whether a grill or an open fire was the cause. He did not expect any charges to be filed in connection to the incident. The fire is now 100 percent contained. A spokesperson for the Alabama Forestry Commission said crews would be on hand through July 4 to monitor the fire, but that it should burn out over the next few days. The spokesperson said that by the time the fire was out, just under 1,000 acres would have been consumed.

Source: <http://www.gadsdentimes.com/article/20110702/APN/1107020723?tc=ar>

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69. *July 2, Omaha World-Herald* – (Nebraska) **Corps shoring up Omaha levee.** The Army Corps of Engineers awarded a \$1.4 million project to an Omaha contractor to shore up three levee segments in a nine-mile loop around Eppley Airfield and Carter Lake, Nebraska. The contractor built a protective barrier July 2 along an estimated 3,600 feet of levee, expected to be completed July 15. The Corps’ Omaha District Commander said the three levee segments were identified by the Omaha Airport Authority and city officials as high priority and in need of federal help. “There’s seepage and (sand) boils there, now water is flowing,” he said. The seepage berms will range from 40 feet to 150 feet wide. Eppley Airfield identified nearly 70 problem areas on the grounds, including sand boils and sinkholes, expecting to spend more than \$15 million on the flood-fighting operation by the end of August. The Corps authorized seepage blankets on the Council Bluffs side of the levee the week of June 27 and installed them along the levee near Dodge Riverside Golf Course.
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