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- U.S. pipeline safety regulators July 5 said Exxon Mobil must repair a ruptured Montana oil pipeline and submit a restart plan after 42,000 gallons of oil spilled into the Yellowstone River, according to Reuters. (See items [2](#), [33](#))
- The Associated Press reports a massive dust storm that hit Phoenix, Arizona, knocked out power to thousands of customers, and caused airport delays in Phoenix, Nevada, and California. (See item [26](#))

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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 6, Associated Press* – (Arkansas) **31 rail cars loaded with coal derail near Ashdown.** Crews in Little River County, Arkansas, were working to remove 31 rail cars loaded with coal that derailed south of Ashdown. The sheriff's office said July 6 that U.S. Highway 71 was open, but cleanup of the derailment was continuing. The Texarkana Gazette reported the Kansas City Southern railcars left the track July 5. No one was hurt, but a thunderstorm moved over the area as the cleanup got under way,

posing a hazard for workers. Two vehicles were waiting on the highway for the train to pass when the derailment occurred. Officials said a man in a pickup truck was covered in coal dust but refused medical treatment. A woman in a sedan had to back across four highway lanes to get out of the way.

Source: <http://www.beaumontenterprise.com/news/article/31-rail-cars-loaded-with-coal-derail-near-Ashdown-1454183.php>

2. *July 6, Reuters* – (Montana) **Government orders Exxon to craft pipeline safety plan.** U.S. pipeline safety regulators July 5 said Exxon Mobil must make fixes to its ruptured Montana oil pipeline and submit a restart plan before oil can flow again. The U.S. Transportation Department's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration also ordered the company to re-bury the pipeline segment, and do a risk study where it crosses any waterway. The Transportation Secretary said in a statement that those found responsible for the leak would be held accountable. Exxon Mobil does not have a definite repair plan yet for the ruptured Montana crude oil pipeline that it shut over the weekend of July 2 and 3, and company and government officials are still trying to determine the cause of the spill, a top executive said earlier July 5. Oil deposits from the rupture may have traveled as far as 240 miles downstream, the government said in its order. Exxon estimated that up to 1,000 barrels (42,000 gallons) of oil spilled into the rain-swollen Yellowstone River when its Silvertip crude oil pipeline ruptured late July 1. Exxon said it shut the 40,000 barrels per day pipeline early July 2 within minutes of discovering a pressure loss that indicated a rupture. Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/07/06/us-montana-spill-exxon-idUSTRE7646W420110706>
3. *July 5, All Headline News* – (Florida) **Tanker collides with South Florida bus, 25 injured.** A July 5 crash involving a passenger bus and tanker truck left 25 people injured. The incident occurred in Margate, a suburb of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, after an empty Urbietta gasoline tanker truck rear-ended a Broward County transit bus filled with passengers. According to officials, the accident happened at about 9 a.m. on northbound U.S. 441 near Margate Boulevard. It appeared the tanker rear-ended the transit bus. One person appeared to have suffered serious injuries and was taken to North Broward Medical Center, a trauma center. Three other people were treated on the scene for minor injuries. The driver of the tanker truck and the bus driver were not injured. Authorities are continuing their investigation. Source: <http://gantdaily.com/2011/07/05/tanker-collides-with-south-florida-bus-25-injured/>
4. *July 5, KGET 17 Bakersfield* – (California) **Chemical fire reported in northwest; roads closed.** Emergency crews closed roads in a 1-mile radius in northwest Bakersfield, California, July 6, after a chemical fire released a large cloud of potentially toxic gases. The fire was reported just after 3 p.m. at the Schlumberger oil production property on the northeast corner of Snow Road and Fruitvale Avenue, according to a Kern County Fire Department captain. A chemical used to help things burn was itself on fire, he said. There were no immediate reports of injuries. County and city fire crews, the Kern County Environmental Health Department, and several law enforcement agencies were called to the area to stop traffic, and check on people.

Source: <http://www.kget.com/news/local/story/Chemical-fire-reported-in-northwest-roads-closed/nzS2dcPBO0SQMKfR65wRcg.csp>

5. *July 4, KOLD 13 Tucson* – (Arizona) **20,000 customers now without power in Tucson area.** The latest numbers of those without power in the Tucson, Arizona area have grown to 20,000. Originally, Tucson Electric Power (TEP) reported about 5,000 of their customers were without service in the Rita Ranch and midtown areas. That number grew to include a total 20,000 customers throughout the city, a TEP spokesman said. Initial reports had about 2,300 businesses and residences without service near Prince and Campbell, he said. In Rita Ranch, about 1,600 customers were without their power.

Source: <http://www.kold.com/story/15023667/power-outages-hit-5000-in-the-tucson-area>

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Chemical Industry Sector

6. *July 6, Alliance for Toxic Free Fire Safety* – (Massachusetts; National) **Toxic contamination in offices: New study reveals hidden chemicals in dust.** Researchers studied more than two dozen offices in Boston, Massachusetts, and discovered that dangerous flame retardant chemicals — polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs) — banned by an international treaty — contaminated every office. Exposure to PBDEs in the Office Environment: Evaluating the Relationship Between Dust, Handwipes, and Serum, was published June 30 in Environmental Health Perspectives. "While our study sampled a relatively small number of offices, the findings suggest additional research could indicate most offices are contaminated," said a study co-author and associate chairman of the Boston University School of Public Health. The study found frequent handwashing appeared to reduce exposure to certain PBDEs. "An outdated California regulation virtually forces manufacturers to put these flame retardant chemicals into foam for products meant for sale in California and elsewhere, even though doing so doesn't prevent fires," explained a member of Physicians for Social Responsibility - Los Angeles.

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2011/07/06/3750746/toxic-contamination-in-offices.html>

7. *July 6, Homeland Security Today* – (National) **Database of toxic chemicals opened for public access.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released two databases scientists and the public can use to access chemical toxicity and exposure data. The Toxicity Forecaster database (ToxCastDB) and a database of chemical exposure studies (ExpoCastDB), link exposure and toxicity data, which are connected through EPA's Aggregated Computational Toxicology Resource (ACToR), an online data warehouse that collects data on more than 500,000 chemicals from more than 500 public sources. ToxCast uses advanced tools to predict toxicity of chemicals, and to provide a cost-effective approach to prioritize what chemicals require further testing. ToxCast is

screening 700 more chemicals, and the data will be available in 2012. ExpoCastDB consolidates human exposure data from studies that have collected chemical measurements from homes and child care centers. Data include the amounts of chemicals found in food, drinking water, air, dust, indoor surfaces, and urine. Additionally the EPA has made public the identities of more than 150 chemicals contained in 104 health and safety studies that had been claimed confidential by industry. Among the newly declassified toxic chemicals were some that were used in the Gulf oil spill cleanup and consumer products in 2010.

Source: <http://www.hstoday.us/briefings/today-s-news-analysis/single-article/database-of-toxic-chemicals-opened-for-public-access/6391a3c8180d63c40f266ee70acee07e.html>

8. *July 5, Wisconsin State Journal* – (Wisconsin) **HazMat team responds to hydrochloric acid leak in Cottage Grove.** A truck leaking hydrochloric acid slowed traffic in Cottage Grove, Wisconsin, July 5, officials said. The Madison, Wisconsin hazardous material team was dispatched to the vicinity of Highway N and Commerce Park to help handle the leak, a department spokeswoman said. She said the Cottage Grove Fire Department requested assistance, and initial reports were that about 6 gallons of the acid had spilled. A motorist saw liquid coming out of the truck's tank and signaled to the driver to pull over.
Source: http://host.madison.com/news/local/crime_and_courts/article_edc99c0c-a752-11e0-9d27-001cc4c002e0.html

9. *July 5, Anderson Independent Mail* – (South Carolina) **Affidavit: Some chemicals in makeshift lab in Anderson are decades old.** An affidavit made public July 5 indicates that more than organic fuel was being made in a primitive lab discovered in Anderson, South Carolina, near Hartwell Lake. It said the property owner told state investigators he was trying to make biodiesel and another chemical to sell, and was storing others that date from the 1990s. The affidavit said the owner of the former Flex-A-Form on Frontage Road said he was trying to use sodium cyanide as a catalyst in a chemical reaction to form another chemical. He said he acquired sodium cyanide — in 30-gallon and 50-gallon drums — to repackage it “into different quantities or amounts.” A federal coordinator found the makeshift lab in late June while he was in the area to supervise cleanup of an unrelated site. Crews from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control have been working since then to identify, catalog and clean up hundreds of chemicals found in three warehouses and seeping onto the property. The affidavit said the owner told investigators he was using cooking oil and grease to try to make organic fuel. It said investigators found holes in a warehouse roof the owner said came from a fire, as well as evidence of leaks, spills and standing liquid. They also found large tanks that had leaked liquid that destroyed nearby vegetation. And investigators found a large drum leaking hydrochloric acid fumes. The warrant authorized investigators to seize soil, water, and samples from containers. The affidavit indicates there are more than 500 containers at the site, and federal officials have said there may be as many as 1,000 of them. Information attached to the warrant indicates a person convicted of violating pollution-control or waste-management laws can face 2 or 3 years in prison, and fines ranging from \$500 to \$25,000 per day.

Source: <http://www.independentmail.com/news/2011/jul/05/affidavit-some-chemicals-makeshift-lab-anderson-ar/>

10. *July 5, WCHM 4 Columbus* – (Ohio) **Tanker carrying chemical upright; Hamilton Road reopens.** A tanker carrying a hazardous chemical again is upright and roads in Columbus, Ohio, were reopened after being closed for much of the day July 5. A tanker truck overturned in the area of South Hamilton Road and Morrison Road/Rocky Fork Drive South the morning of July 5. Mifflin Township fire's HAZMAT team and Gahanna police responded at about 10 a.m. The driver was attempting to make a left-hand turn from Morrison Road to South Hamilton Road before the crash. The ramps from Interstate 270 north and south to Hamilton Road were closed, but opened shortly before 4 p.m. Northbound Hamilton Road was closed between I-270 and Morrison Road/Rocky Fork Drive South, and Southbound lanes of South Hamilton were restricted. All lanes of Hamilton Road were reopened at about 3:40 p.m. Two cranes were used to put the tanker in an upright position. It was upright by 2:45 p.m. The tanker was carrying a solution of aluminum sulfate. It was not leaking, and there were no cracks. Aluminum sulfate solution is a strong acid that will corrode metals. It's noncombustible and used in paper-making, in firefighting foams, as a fireproofing agent, in sewage treatment, and in water purification. The vapor and liquid can irritate the eyes, nose, respiratory tract, gastrointestinal system, and skin. The 4,500-gallon tanker was transporting the chemical to a local water-treatment plant when the crash occurred.

Source: <http://www2.nbc4i.com/news/2011/jul/05/14/tanker-truck-rolls-section-s-hamilton-rd-closed-ar-588850/>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

11. *July 5, Plymouth Patch* – (Massachusetts) **Three arrested for trespassing at Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant.** Three men were arrested July 4 after they were found fishing off the breakwall by the Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant in Plymouth, Massachusetts, according to the Manomet Current. The jetty is inside the exclusion zone in which no unauthorized people or vehicles are supposed to enter. Police were notified by plant security of the intruders, according to a police captain. The three men, all age 23, were taken into custody and released on their own recognizance. The trio were detained by plant security before police arrived, according to a spokeswoman for Pilgrim. The breakwater is located near the parking lot, in what the spokeswoman termed an "owner-controlled" area, as compared to the "protected area" around the plant itself.
Source: <http://plymouth.patch.com/articles/three-arrested-for-trespassing-at-pilgrim-nuclear-power-plant>
12. *July 5, Global Security Newswire* – (International) **New equipment cleaning Japan plant coolant.** The operator of Japan's Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant July 2 fully phased in use of a mechanism for removing radioactive material from water and

cycling it back into the facility for reuse as coolant, marking a significant milestone in stabilization efforts, the Asahi Shimbun reported. The new system could help prevent contaminated liquid from collecting at the facility if it keeps operating as intended, potentially addressing a factor that has constrained repair efforts. Technical problems previously forced several shutdowns of the equipment, which is now mitigating heat buildup at four reactors. Meanwhile, the plant operator July 1 finished building a tsunami barrier outside reactors No. 3 and No. 4 and the site's waste treatment facility. An earthquake and tsunami in March caused major problems, and eventual meltdowns at three Japanese nuclear reactors. The barrier, consisting of rocks held together by wiring and tarps, is capable of providing protection against an 8-meter-high wave, the firm said.

Source: http://www.globalsecuritynewswire.org/gsn/nw_20110705_4504.php

13. *July 5, Easton Express-Times* – (Pennsylvania) **PPL Corp. repairs to Susquehanna nuclear reactors will cost up to \$60 million.** Maintenance and repairs to PPL Corp.'s nuclear reactors at its plant near Berwick, Pennsylvania, will cost the utility \$50 million to \$60 million, a plant spokesman said July 5. Both Unit 1 and Unit 2 at the Susquehanna nuclear power plant were shut down from May 16 until June 24 to fix cracks on turbine blades. PPL shut down Unit 2 for routine maintenance April 5. During the inspection, officials discovered cracks on the unit's turbine blades. Both units contain the same type of blades, a plant spokesman said, so the utility shut down Unit 1 May 16 to check its turbine blades. Cracks were found there, too.

Source:

http://www.lehighvalleylive.com/allentown/index.ssf/2011/07/ppl_corp_repairs_to_susquehanna.html

14. *July 5, Agence France-Presse* – (International) **Japan soil found radioactive outside evacuation zone.** Soil radiation in a city 40 miles from Japan's stricken nuclear plant is above levels that prompted resettlement after the Chernobyl disaster, citizens' groups said July 5. The survey of four locations in Fukushima city, outside the nuclear evacuation zone, showed that all soil samples contained cesium exceeding Japan's legal limit of 10,000 becquerels per kilogram (4,500 per pound), they said. The highest level was 46,540 becquerels per kilogram, and the three other readings were between 16,290 and 19,220 becquerels per kilogram, they said. Radiation contamination has been a problem at the site since an earthquake and tsunami hit in March.

Source: <http://news.discovery.com/earth/fukushima-radioactive-soil-110705.html>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

15. *July 5, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (Mississippi; National) **Viking Range Corporation agrees to \$450,000 civil penalty for failing to report defective refrigerators.** The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) announced July 5 that Viking Range Corporation, of Greenwood, Mississippi, has agreed to pay a

civil penalty of \$450,000. The settlement resolves CPSC staff allegations that Viking was aware for years of a defect involving its refrigerator door hinge support mechanisms that resulted in incidents and injuries to consumers; yet the firm failed to report immediately to CPSC as required by federal law. Viking reported the defect to the Commission in April 2009, and the firm agreed to a recall in June 2009. Subsequent investigation conducted by CPSC staff uncovered that by that time, the firm was aware of at least 10 reports of injuries involving Viking refrigerator hinge failures going back over several years. CPSC and Viking announced a recall of more than 45,000 Viking refrigerators in June 2009. The hazard identified with the refrigerators is that refrigerator hinges and hardware that attach the doors to the refrigerator box can loosen, sag and detach, posing an impact injury hazard to consumers if the door detaches. Viking sold the refrigerators through appliance and specialty retailers from July 1999 through April 2006.

Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml11/11269.html>

16. *July 5, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Connecticut) **US Labor Department's OSHA cites Bethel, Conn., machine shop for repeat and serious hazards, proposes more than \$55,000 in fines.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has cited DCG-PMI, doing business as DCG Precision Manufacturing, for eight repeat and seven serious alleged violations of workplace safety standards. The Bethel, Connecticut machine shop faces \$55,440 in proposed fines following an OSHA inspection that began in March. OSHA found several conditions similar to those cited during a 2006 inspection. Repeat violations with \$32,340 in fines include slipping and tripping hazards from the accumulation of oil and grease on walking and working surfaces around machines; not conducting workplace hazard assessments to determine personal protective equipment needed by employees; failing to evaluate powered industrial truck operators every 3 years; a lack of chemical hazard information and training; and four instances of incomplete recording of injuries or illnesses. Serious violations with \$23,100 in fines include: inadequate ventilation for employees performing cleaning operations with alcohol; unsecured gas cylinders; incomplete personal protective equipment training; the lack of an annual or periodic review of hazardous energy control procedures; a defective fork truck; unguarded ends of a buffer; and unlabeled chemical containers.

Source:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=20196

17. *July 5, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Mississippi) **Mississippi's Howard Industries cited by US Department of Labor's OSHA for safety violations following fatal worker electrocution.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration has cited Howard Industries Inc. in Ellisville, Mississippi for 17 safety violations following the January death of a worker who was electrocuted while calibrating a transformer test station. Two serious violations related to the fatality include not requiring employees to use work safety practices when dealing with live electrical circuits, and failing to use locks and tags when de-energizing test equipment. Ten additional serious violations include: failing to develop specific lockout/tagout procedures; failing to conduct a personal protective equipment hazard assessment;

missing a mid-rail on an elevated platform; exposing employees to potential electric shock hazards without providing them insulated gloves or other protective equipment; allowing a plasma cutter operator to not wear safety glasses; and having an unguarded shaft. Four repeat violations include failing to: provide machine guarding on the press brake and the welder; noncombustible welding screens for employees; and flexible cords in place of fixed wiring. The company was cited for all four of these same violations at its Laurel plant in June 2009.

Source:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=20199

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

18. *July 6, Aviation Week* – (International) **Pentagon struggles to manage logistics.** A recent Pentagon Inspector General (IG) investigation shows the plan of getting business professionals to manage logistics and related support services can turn into a disaster if government contracting officials are unable to properly supervise those deals, Aviation Week reported July 6. At issue is the Army Aviation and Missile Life Cycle Management Command's (AMCOM) parts and related logistics contracts with Boeing for Apache and Chinook helicopters. In its report, the IG identified "pricing problems ... that consistently favored Boeing" and pointed out "AMCOM does not have an experienced cost/price analysis group." "In February 1998, AMC [Army Materiel Command] began an effort to replace its existing materiel management systems with LMP (Logistics Modernization Program System)," the IG said. "Before LMP, AMC relied on a 30-year-old system to manage its logistics operations and supply critical equipment and repair parts to the soldier. The lack of a single, unified supply system across the Army fostered an environment in which numerous organizations developed independent material management systems. As a result, the Army faced serious challenges in managing its supply chain and distribution infrastructure."

Source:

[http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story.jsp?id=news/asd/2011/07/06/02.xml&headline=Pentagon Struggles To Manage Logistics&channel=defense](http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story.jsp?id=news/asd/2011/07/06/02.xml&headline=Pentagon%20Struggles%20To%20Manage%20Logistics&channel=defense)

19. *July 6, KRQE 13 New Mexico* – (New Mexico) **LANL employees return to work.** Los Alamos National Laboratory employees will return to work at the lab in Los Alamos, New Mexico July 6 after nearly a week and a half away from the job. The lab had been closed during the evacuation of Los Alamos by threats of the Las Conchas fire. Essential personnel were kept on hand during the evacuation to monitor critical work at the site. A small spot fire from the Las Conchas blaze actually reached the southwestern tip of lab property, but was quickly extinguished by firefighters. Just like the town of Los Alamos had to prep for the return of residents, the lab director said all of the lab's 2,000 buildings had to be checked before they could reopen July 6.

Source: <http://www.krqe.com/dpp/news/local/central/LANL-employees-return-to-work-dr>

Banking and Finance Sector

20. *July 6, Reuters* – (National) **Expert pleads guilty in insider probe.** A former senior director at Flextronics International pleaded guilty July 5, telling a U.S. judge he was paid \$200 an hour by an expert network firm to spill inside information to hedge funds. The 39-year-old man was the latest out of more than a dozen accused in a broad insider trading probe to plead guilty in Manhattan, New York federal court to working illegally while consulting for Primary Global Research (PGR). At the plea hearing, the convict told a U.S. district judge he was paid \$200 an hour by PGR to give secrets about Flextronics or its customers to hedge funds and investors, often over the phone. The man, arrested in December 2010, was accused of leaking secrets about Apple Inc.'s iPad ahead of its launch, and giving up new details about the company's iPhone 4. He pleaded guilty to two counts of conspiracy to commit securities fraud and wire fraud, and one count of securities fraud. He faces up to 30 years in prison. Court documents unsealed July 5 said one hedge fund made \$560,000 in profits in October 2009 by trading on Flextronics secrets provided by the man.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/07/06/us-insidertrading-hedgefunds-plea-idUSTRE76500120110706>

21. *July 6, St. Louis Post-Dispatch* – (National) **Part of multi-million-dollar credit fraud broken here, officials say.** Three members of a ring that used fake credit cards to buy millions of dollars worth of electronic goods have been nabbed in St. Charles County, Missouri, followed by the arrest of the group's head, according to federal court documents. The three were arrested by a St. Charles County sheriff's deputy June 20 after the name of one came up in a Secret Service investigation. According to court records, testimony and investigators, that man is believed to be a "lieutenant" in an organization run by a 29-year-old man arrested the week of June 27 in the Detroit, Michigan area. The leader of the scheme provided fake identification and bogus credit cards to groups he sent around the country to buy iPads, iPods, and laptop computers, investigators said. The buyers would store the items, then ship them back to Michigan for sale. In federal court in St. Louis, an assistant U.S. attorney said investigators believe one of the men alone made 10 to 12 trips, yielding electronics worth at least \$1 million. Sam's Club initially contacted a financial crimes task force after noticing a series of fraudulent purchases by people using fake Sam's Club membership cards in Michigan, and other Midwestern states beginning last summer.

Source: http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/article_41c4b9d0-4add-5cfb-ad53-7a3fcfeb752f.html

22. *July 6, Orange County Register* – (California) **Did O.C.'s 'drifter bandit' strike again?** A man who held up a bank July 5 is believed to be a serial bank robber who has hit three South County, California banks so far. Investigators believe the "drifter bandit" has hit three banks since May, targeting banks just a short distance from the I-5 freeway and Capistrano Beach. The robbery took place at a Farmers & Merchants Bank branch on Del Obispo Street near Camino Capistrano. The suspect was believed to have been carrying a handgun during the heist. Identifying the man from surveillance

video at the bank, investigators believe the man is a robber who has been dubbed the "drifter bandit" for his thin build and tousled appearance, said a spokesman for the Orange County Sheriff's Department.

Source: <http://www.ocregister.com/news/bank-307138-bandit-capistrano.html>

23. *July 5, Credit.com* – (National) **Morgan Stanley data breach hits investors.** Personal information belonging to 34,000 investment clients of Morgan Stanley Smith Barney has been lost, and possibly stolen, in a data breach. According to two letters sent to clients, and obtained by Credit.com, the information includes clients' names, addresses, account, and tax identification numbers, the income earned on the investments in 2010, and — for some clients — Social Security numbers. The data was saved on two CD-ROMs that were protected by passwords, according to the letters, but the CDs were not encrypted. The company mailed the CDs containing information about investors in tax-exempt funds and bonds to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance. It appears the package was intact when it reached the department, but by the time it arrived on the desk of its intended recipient the CDs were missing, a spokesman for Morgan Stanley Smith Barney said. The state notified Morgan Stanley Smith Barney about the lost data June 8. The company took 2 weeks to conduct an "exhaustive search" of all the facilities the package passed through, the spokesman said, and then mailed the letters to clients June 24.

Source: <http://www.credit.com/blog/2011/07/morgan-stanley-data-breach-hits-investors/>

24. *July 5, KPRC 2 Houston* – (Texas) **Skimming devices on Houston ATM machines prompt 4 arrests.** Federal fraud charges have been lodged against four Houston, Texas men accused of attaching skimming devices to ATM machines all over Houston, KPRC 2 Houston reported July 5. Two of the men were caught in the act, but Secret Service agents said the ringleader continued to operate the theft ring from behind bars. Agents said they would attach skimming devices that would lift customer data from the magnetic stripes on their debit cards. Federal felony charges of identity theft and debit card fraud have been filed against the four men. All four face 30 years in federal prison if they are found guilty. In court papers, Secret Service agents wrote that this group is responsible for \$57,808 in losses for Chase bank in April alone. One of the suspects told a confidential informant that \$18,000 was "pulled" from victims' accounts in a single night, according to court records. Agents said the men would spray paint over the security cameras installed in each of the ATM machines they chose in the scheme.

Source: <http://www.click2houston.com/news/28454592/detail.html>

25. *July 1, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (Arizona) **Two indicted, arrested in \$17 million mortgage fraud scheme.** A federal grand jury in Phoenix, Arizona, returned an indictment June 28 against a 43-year-old mortgage broker, and her alleged associate. The indictment charged the two each with one count of conspiracy, and one count of wire fraud. Special agents of the Internal Revenue Service and the FBI arrested the pair June 30. The indictment alleges the 43-year-old woman portrayed herself as a mortgage broker, loan officer, and real estate investor. Her associate is alleged to be the president of Arizona Cooling Control Plus, Inc. and involved in construction and remodeling work. The indictment charges the pair recruited people with good credit scores to act as

straw buyers to ostensibly purchase one or more properties as investments, enticing buyers by offering to pay a kickback of up to \$15,000 per property or to make the mortgage payments until the property could be resold for a profit, or both. In addition, the indictment charges the defendants submitted false loan applications and supporting documents to induce lenders to fund loans. Then, at the close of escrow, they enriched themselves by directing a portion of loan proceeds, or “cash back,” to a company that one of them controlled. The indictment goes on to allege that between October 2005 and February 2007, the pair obtained mortgage financing for 17 properties and induced lenders to fund about \$17 million in loans, resulting in over \$2.4 million dollars in cash back. Conviction for the crimes of conspiracy and wire fraud each carries a maximum penalty of 30 years in prison, a \$1 million fine, or both.

Source: <http://www.fbi.gov/phoenix/press-releases/2011/two-indicted-arrested-in-17-million-mortgage-fraud-scheme>

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Transportation Sector

26. *July 6, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **Massive dust storm sweeps through Phoenix area.** A massive dust storm descended on the Phoenix, Arizona, area, July 5, drastically reducing visibility and delaying flights as strong winds downed trees and left thousands of residents without power. The dust cloud formed in an afternoon storm in the Tucson area, and then rolled north across the desert before sweeping over the city like an enormous wave, a National Weather Service (NWS) meteorologist said. Radar data showed the storm's towering dust wall had reached as high as 8,000 to 10,000 feet, or nearly 2 miles, he said. The NWS said strong winds with gusts of up to more than 60 mph in some places rapidly moved the cloud northwest through Phoenix, and the surrounding cities of Avondale, Tempe, and Scottsdale. More than a dozen communities in the area also were placed under a severe thunderstorm watch until 11 p.m. Some 8,000 Salt River Project utility customers were left without power, KNXV-TV reported late July 5. The Federal Aviation Administration said on its Web site that because of low visibility in the area, no Phoenix-bound flights were allowed to leave Las Vegas, Nevada, or Los Angeles, California airports until 9 p.m., and flights at the airport were delayed for about an hour.

Source: <http://www.deseretnews.com/article/700149638/Massive-dust-storm-sweeps-through-Phoenix-area.html>

27. *July 6, Philadelphia Inquirer* – (New Jersey; Pennsylvania) **Camden ferry dock catches fire; boat running.** The RiverLink Ferry dock in Camden, New Jersey, caught fire around 1:30 a.m. July 5, according to authorities. The blaze, which was isolated to the pilings, resulted in some smoke damage to the ferry, according to a spokesman for the Delaware River Port Authority. He said the vessel "needs some touch-ups," but was running later July 5. The Camden County Fire Marshal's Office was investigating whether a stray Fourth of July firework might have set off the blaze. The ferry runs

between Wiggins Park in Camden and Penn's Landing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Source: <http://www.philly.com/philly/news/local/125060793.html>

28. *July 6, Chicago Sun-Times* – (Illinois) **Fuel problem strands 350 passengers on Amtrak train.** About 350 people were stuck without air conditioning on an Amtrak train from Chicago, Illinois that stopped near a downstate cornfield after having fuel problems July 5, a passenger and train officials said. Illini train No. 393 from Chicago to Carbondale came to a stop about 6 p.m. on the Canadian National tracks about 10 miles south of Gilman, Illinois an Amtrak spokesman said. The spokesman confirmed the air conditioning failed when the train stopped, and said crew distributed water and snacks to passengers. He noted that because the air conditioning was on prior to the train stalling, the cars did not become instantly hot. A freight locomotive pushed the stalled train to Rantoul, where passengers were allowed to get off. Crew added additional fuel to the train and it started. While the spokesman said there was a fuel issue, he could not say if the train ran out of fuel. Paramedics were at the Rantoul station to examine anyone who felt sick. The spokesman reported no injuries. Passengers were re-boarded onto the train about 9:30 p.m. after a 3 hour, 30 minute delay.
Source: <http://southtownstar.suntimes.com/news/6368810-418/fuel-problem-strands-350-passengers-on-amtrak-train.html>
29. *July 5, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Man arrested for stabbing of Pittsburgh bus driver.** Police arrested a man suspected of stabbing a Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania bus driver the week of June 27. Pittsburgh Port Authority Police arrested the suspect, age 18, July 5, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reported on its Web site. He was charged with attempted murder, aggravated assault, possession of an instrument of crime, criminal mischief, and reckless endangerment in connection with an incident June 30 in which the driver was stabbed in Pittsburgh. The driver is in fair condition at UPMC Mercy hospital. The port authority police chief said they received a tip July 4 on the suspect's whereabouts and arrested him without incident.
Source:
<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/1d8205269aa74feda3bbf77986da0fd0/PA-Bus-Stabbing-Arrest/>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

30. *July 5, Fond du Lac Reporter* – (Wisconsin) **Vandal starts fire in drive-through mailbox at FdL Post Office.** Police and postal inspectors are investigating a fire started inside a mailbox at the U.S. Post Office located at 99 W. Second Street in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Firefighters and officers responded to the drive-through lane on the north side of the post office at about 1 a.m. July 6, the fire captain said. "Somebody started the mail on fire. We don't know the exact cause at this time," he said. "There were pieces of mail damaged." The captain said the U.S. Post Office has its own law

enforcement branch to investigate the federal offense.

Source: <http://www.fdlreporter.com/article/20110705/FON0101/110705058/Vandal-starts-fire-drive-through-mailbox-FdL-Post-Office>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

31. *July 6, Food Safety News* – (South Carolina; National) **Ham with Listeria risk recalled.** Carolina Pride Foods of Greenwood, South Carolina, recalled 18,416 pounds of boneless, fully cooked diced ham products that may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service said July 5. The problem was discovered through third-party microbiological sampling contracted by the company. All the products were produced May 13, and distributed throughout the southeastern United States to retail outlets or for institutional use.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/07/18416-pounds-of-ham-with-listeria-risk-recalled/>
32. *July 6, Nashville Tennessean and FairWarning* – (International) **Banned chemicals found in tons of imported fish.** Fish from overseas contaminated with chemicals not allowed in the U.S. food supply are showing up for sale in the United States. Three American fish importers pleaded guilty earlier in 2011 in Mobile, Alabama, to federal felony charges of mislabeling fish and seafood. Their illegal haul included more than 120,000 pounds of imported fish, brought in to Mobile and Seattle, Washington, that tested positive for the suspected human carcinogen malachite green, an antifungal agent, and for an antibiotic that U.S. authorities also prohibit for use on fish that people consume. "I can tell you right off the bat that 40 percent of the imported fish we test is positive for banned drugs that are not safe for human health," said the deputy commissioner for the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries. Over the past year, Georgia and Arkansas found evidence of fluoroquinolones, a banned family of antibiotics, in imported fish. Arkansas detected crystal violet, a carcinogen. The United States today imports almost 85 percent of its seafood, and about half of it is from aquaculture, which frequently uses antibiotics to control disease. Most of the seafood comes from China, Thailand, Canada, Indonesia, Vietnam, and Ecuador.
Source: <http://www.tennessean.com/article/20110706/NEWS07/307060098/Banned-chemicals-found-tons-imported-fish?odysey=tab|topnews|text|FRONTPAGE>
33. *July 6, Reuters* – (Montana) **Exxon spill on Yellowstone River disrupts Montana ranches.** Environmental officials scrambled July 5 to assess the extent of contamination from an oil spill July 1 that fouled water supplies and ranch lands along a scenic stretch of the Yellowstone River in Montana. The Exxon Mobil pipeline ruptured about 150 miles downstream from Yellowstone National Park near the town of Laurel, Montana, dumping up to 1,000 barrels, or 42,000 gallons, of crude oil into the flood-swollen river. The spill has wreaked havoc on ranching and farming operations along the Yellowstone, the longest river without a dam in the United States, which provides irrigation and drinking water for communities along its banks. One

woman who raises livestock, wheat, alfalfa, and hay with her husband on about 800 acres of land around Laurel, said high water from the river has washed oil across much of her property. The spring wheat crop and alfalfa are both in need of irrigation, but farmers in the area were advised not to take water from the river for the time being. Drinking supplies also are in limbo, she said. Environmental experts said it will likely take months, even years, for the ecosystem to rebound from the influx of crude. Concerns about petroleum contamination prompted downstream communities that rely on the river for drinking water to shut off their intake valves, but it was unclear whether residents who depend on well water had been urged to avoid drinking it.

Source: <http://www.insurancejournal.com/news/west/2011/07/06/205192.htm>

34. *July 5, San Francisco Bay Citizen* – (California) **Four vineyard workers hospitalized after exposure to pesticides.** Four vineyard workers in California were treated for respiratory problems July 5 after being exposed to pesticides sprayed late July 4, according to the Napa County Sheriff's Office. The workers experienced breathing problems at about 8:30 a.m. after arriving for work July 5, the Napa sheriff's captain said. The vineyard had sprayed 21 acres with chemical products including Sylgard, Flint, and Altacor, he said. The vineyard covers 80 acres in the 4000 block of Big Ranch Road near Oak Knoll Avenue, north of Napa. The workers were taken to Queen of the Valley Medical Center in Napa.
Source: <http://www.baycitizen.org/blogs/quality-of-life/two-agricultural-workers-hospitalized/>
35. *July 5, Anderson Herald-Bulletin* – (Indiana) **Explosive blaze destroys Indiana grocery store.** Firefighters in Anderson, Indiana, responded July 5 to the scene of a fire that destroyed Esmeralda, a Hispanic grocery store. The fire was called in around 1 a.m. after a fire engine responding to an unrelated rescue call saw flames coming from the building, an assistant fire chief said. There were reports by neighbors of explosions, and shattered glass propelled across the street, the fire chief said. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) has been called in to assist with the investigation. It took firefighters more than 3 hours to extinguish the blaze. The cause of the fire and explosions are still unknown, and investigators believe no one was in the building at the time of the fire. The structure had been turned over to the city's building inspector.
Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/news/top-headlines/explosive-blaze-destroys-indiana-grocery-store>
36. *July 5, Evansville Courier-Press* – (Kentucky) **Grains spilled in 18-car train derailment south of Henderson.** Loads of grain spilled after 18 CSX train cars derailed July 5 about 5 miles south of Henderson, Kentucky, sources said. A CSX spokesman said the train, which had 3 locomotives and 81 freight cars, was traveling from Effingham, Illinois, to Waycross, Georgia. The derailment is about a half-mile into farm land north of Anthoston-Frog Island Road. CSX is handling the clean-up of the spill, the cause of which is under investigation. The Robards fire chief was at the scene to make sure there were no hazardous materials on the train. The derailment was in a rural area, and no homes or roads were affected by the spill.

Source: <http://www.courierpress.com/news/2011/jul/05/train-derailment-spills-soybeans-south-henderson/>

37. *July 5, St. Paul Pioneer-Press* – (Minnesota) **Ammonia leak at St. Paul business hospitalizes worker; buildings evacuated for several hours.** A maintenance worker was treated and released from the hospital July 5 after he was exposed to anhydrous ammonia in a "significant leak" at Midway Cold Storage in St. Paul, Minnesota, the city fire department said. Firefighters were called to the wholesale food handler at 8:50 a.m., and the leak was stopped by the afternoon, the deputy fire chief said. In the room where the leak occurred, anhydrous ammonia measured 600 parts per million (ppm) when firefighters arrived, the St. Paul fire marshal said. By about 11:45 a.m., that ratio was 2,100 ppm, he said. Levels above 1,100 ppm are considered the "hot zone," and firefighters do not enter without hazardous-materials suits, the fire marshal said. Firefighters asked the company's mechanical staff to shut off the source of the leak, and they thought they did, but the ammonia level continued to rise. The fire department evacuated a 300-foot radius around the site, located in an industrial area, the deputy fire chief said. After about 10 buildings had been evacuated, occupants were allowed to return about 1:30 p.m., the fire marshal said. State agricultural inspectors were headed to the facility to ensure no food was damaged or spoiled from the loss of refrigeration. Source: http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci_18415380?nclick_check=1
38. *July 1, Associated Press* – (National) **Bayer Settles for \$750M over tainted rice.** Bayer CropScience agreed July 1 to pay \$750 million to settle several lawsuits with U.S. farmers who claimed a strain of the company's unapproved genetically modified rice contaminated the food supply and hurt crop prices. Bayer AG and attorneys for the farmers announced the settlement July 1. The litigation goes back to 2006, when Bayer disclosed its experimental strain of Liberty Link GMO rice was found in U.S. food supplies. No human health problems were associated with the contamination. Farmers from Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Texas sued Bayer, saying the accident closed off critical export markets and caused the price of rice to drop. The settlement will cover farmers who planted rice between 2006 and 2010. Source: http://www.myfoxmemphis.com/dpps/money/bayer-settles-for-750m-over-tainted-rice-dpgapx-20110701-kh_13947504

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Water Sector

39. *July 6, Arizona Daily Star* – (Arizona) **City finds causes of big water-pipe break.** Tucson Water in Tucson, Arizona forced too much water into a newly relocated waterline too quickly which probably caused the pipe to rupture, shutting down West Congress Street and North Bonita Avenue from April 19 to May 6, a city investigation found. The burst pipe undermined Congress Street and North Bonita Avenue, costing city taxpayers \$312,000 to fix. The reclaimed pipeline was supposed to be filled over

the course of 8 to 12 hours, the report said, but instead was filled in 30 minutes, causing older sections of pipe to burst under pressure. The report, issued July 1, put some of the blame on the design of the pipe, which was rerouted to clear the way for a controversial land deal with Gadsden Co., which needed the line moved to accommodate a Senior Housing Group LLC project. The report said some older sections of pipe were thought to be connected by more extensive welding than was actually the case. An estimated 490,000 to 660,000 gallons of water were lost during the break. The water break also caused the loss of a 10-foot potable water main, breached an 8-inch sewer main and manhole under Congress, although no sewage was released, cut the electrical conduit from street lighting at Congress and Bonita, and burst a 2-inch reclaimed waterline south of West Cushing Street.

Source: http://azstarnet.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/article_b89581fc-2bf0-5cde-a558-1366c32bcffe.html

40. *July 4, Santa Clarita Valley Signal* – (California) **Hunt for illegal water devices hardens.** The Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District in California announced the week of June 30 that it is searching for homeowners using illegal water softener systems, the Santa Clarita Valley Signal reported July 4. In 2008, residents voted in favor of a ban to remove all brine-generating water softeners from area homes in an effort to reduce the amount of chloride discharged into the Santa Clara watershed. Officials estimate that as many as 2,000 people in the valley still own banned water softeners after recently discovering chloride spikes in water levels. Residents found with banned softeners will be given 30 days to apply for the water softener rebate program or get rid of the machines.

Source: <http://www.the-signal.com/section/36/article/47467/>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

41. *July 6, Troy Messenger* – (Georgia; Alabama) **Personal data stolen from hospital.** Troy Regional Medical Center in Troy, Alabama is notifying 880 of its former patients that their personal data was illegally accessed and removed from the hospital's records earlier this year. It appeared perpetrators used some of the illegally obtained information to file fraudulent income tax returns with the Internal Revenue Services. The data theft is part of an ongoing criminal investigation and appeared to be connected to similar crimes in Georgia, and other Alabama locations. The theft does not involve medical information and appears to be limited to patients born between 1988 and 1992, administrators said. The Troy Regional Medical Center CEO and administrator was notified by law enforcement May 20 that data had been accessed and removed from the hospital without authorization, and in "direct violation of hospital policy." Information taken appears to be limited to name, address, date of birth, Social Security number, and medical record number. The 880 patients are a fraction of the total records registered during the first quarter of the calendar year. The CEO and administrator said the information does not appear to have been accessed remotely, via

a computer system breach, but rather appears to have been physically removed from the hospital facility.

Source: <http://www.troymessenger.com/2011/07/06/personal-data-stolen-from-hospital/>

42. *July 5, New York Daily News* – (New York) **Interfaith Medical Center hospital in Bed-Stuyvesant fined for hazards.** Interfaith Medical Center in Bedford-Stuyvesant, New York was cited with 14 violations totaling \$48,000 in fines ranging from improperly dumping asbestos to storing gas tanks incorrectly, the New York Daily News reported July 5. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) officials compiled the list of fines related to the renovation work on the hospital's ninth floor, agency documents show. The hospital did not tell construction crews they were handling asbestos, investigators found. The most serious charges included not telling construction crews that floor tiles and pipe insulation they were removing were covered with asbestos. The hazardous materials were dumped in a hospital container along with other construction debris. OSHA inspectors also found hospital staff was not properly trained to deal with the asbestos and other hazardous materials, that accurate safety records were not kept, and that compressed gas tanks were not stored properly. The hospital was cited for the violations in May.

Source: http://www.nydailynews.com/ny_local/brooklyn/2011/07/05/2011-07-05_bedstuy_hosp_fined_for_hazards.html

43. *July 5, WFAA 8 Dallas* – (Texas) **Fire forces evacuation at assisted living facility.** Dallas, Texas, Fire-Rescue is investigating the cause of a fire that started shortly after 10 a.m. July 5 at an assisted living center that forced 157 elderly residents out of their homes. Fire reports indicate the fire started in one apartment on the fourth floor of the 14-story building. Smoke quickly filled the building and residents were quickly evacuated. Two people were evaluated at the scene. One woman was seriously injured and rushed to the hospital. Residents were allowed back into their homes just after noon.

Source: <http://www.wfaa.com/news/local/Fire-at-Dallas-assisted-living-facility-125022009.html>

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Government Facilities Sector

44. *July 6, Associated Press* – (Oregon; Florida; Washington) **Man arrested for threats to kill Obama, family.** An Portland, Oregon man was detained for a mental health evaluation after appearing in federal court July 5 to face charges he threatened to kill the U.S. President and the his family. The Secret Service arrested the man July 1. Prosecutors said he made threats in numerous phone calls to federal prosecutors' offices in Oregon and Washington, a county government office in Florida, and the Associated Press. An assistant U.S. attorney told a federal judge in Portland the man was considered a flight risk, and a safety risk. The man's arraignment was set for August, when he will enter a plea. According to the criminal complaint, the suspect made threatening calls to a series of government offices, including three to the county commissioner's office in Palm Beach County, Florida, 44 voicemail messages left June

19 with the U.S. attorney's office in Portland, and three calls to the U.S. attorney's office in Seattle, Washington June 30. He was arrested the following day. He also had called the AP bureau in Seattle May 2, leaving a message that said he would seek weapons for al Qaeda to shoot the president and his family. "I may have to get in touch with al Qaeda and get a hold of at least one, possibly two good working machine guns and blast my way into the White House," the voicemail said.

Source: <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2011/07/06/politics/main20077118.shtml>

45. *July 5, WABC 7 New York* – (New York) **Arrest in firecracker explosion at LI school.** Police arrested a 15-year-old boy for lighting a firecracker and throwing it into a room at a Long Island middle school July 5, causing an explosion and panic, and injuring several people. The incident happened at ABG Schultz Middle School in Hempstead, New York, around 11 a.m., while students were registering for summer classes. Several parents and students were in a computer lab when police said 15-year-old boy ran into the lab and threw a lit firecracker onto a table that held a computer. The computer exploded, sending shrapnel across the room. Five people were injured and taken to a local hospital. One individual suffered burns to the face and arm, while two others were treated for leg fractures and another for pain to the knee. The mortar exploded three different times causing damage to the floor, walls, and ceiling. The incident set off a panic in the hall of the school. The boy is being charged as an adult for 1st Degree Arson. He was due in court July 6.

Source:

http://abclocal.go.com/wabc/story?section=news/local/long_island&id=8232192

46. *July 5, WTRF 7 Wheeling* – (Ohio) **Parts of Belmont Courthouse evacuated for structural problems.** A structural emergency prompted officials to close several offices and move hundreds of thousands of records out of the Belmont County Courthouse in St. Clairsville, Ohio. Officials said a courthouse employee noticed the trim was pulling away from the wall in the clerk of courts Office. After calling an architectural engineer to examine the situation, they found evidence of a potential emergency. "We discovered that in 1991, there was a document sent here to the Belmont County Commission office stating that after the collapse of the attic, that it was never to be used for storage or public access again," the county commissioner said. "And we failed to do it over the past 10 years. So we've had an emergency evacuation of the courthouse attic, including all boxes, storage, maintenance supplies as well as records and filing cabinets," she added. "We're also having evacuations of the mezzanine levels of the clerk of courts office, and the law library is being shut down until further notice because we also have a mezzanine in that facility and it is also over the structural weight limit." The clerk's office was officially closed for 1 day, while records dating back to 1929 were removed.

Source: <http://wtrf.com/story.cfm?func=viewstory&storyid=102675>

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Emergency Services Sector

47. *July 6, Emergency Management* – (New York) **DHS demonstrates next-gen radiation detection systems at race track.** While crowds filled the stands to watch the Belmont Stakes races in New York in mid-June, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (DNDO) worked with police from Nassau and Suffolk counties to explore concepts of operation for three experimental next-generation radiation detection systems. The prototype systems are designed to identify and precisely locate sources of radiation. Two of the prototypes were stand-off radiation detection systems (SORDS), and the other was a roadside tracker. SORDS consist of detection equipment placed in a truck and on a trailer that were driven around the facility to search for stationary sources. The roadside tracker consists of two trailers placed opposite each other that scan for sources of radiation as vehicles moved between them. SORDS are designed to detect a millicurie of radiation — which is equivalent to one millionth the radiation used to treat cancer — from 100 meters, and determine its location within 10 meters both horizontally and vertically. The roadside tracker can detect a millicurie of radiation across five lanes of traffic in a vehicle traveling up to 70 mph. Since SORDS allow an operator to precisely identify and locate sources of radiation, the commanding officer of the Suffolk County Police Department's Special Patrol Bureau said they could help reduce the time needed to identify potentially dangerous sources of radiation. The county's current system requires an officer to investigate the source on foot and identify it, something that would be difficult if the location was not open to the public.
Source: <http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/DHS-Radiation-Detection-Systems-Race-Track.html>
48. *July 5, KOTV 6 Tulsa* – (Oklahoma) **Two Checotah firemen injured in explosion at firework show.** Two Checotah, Oklahoma firemen were injured during a city sponsored fireworks show July 4. Checotah police said one firefighter suffered minor injuries to his leg. The other victim was hit in the back of the head and transported in fair condition to a Muskogee hospital. Police said the first firefighter was injured when one of the fireworks exploded just as the show was getting underway. The second victim was injured later in the show during a second explosion. Police said there were no other injuries.
Source: <http://www.newson6.com/story/15023996/two-checotah-firemen-injured-in-firework-show-explosion>
49. *July 1, Associated Press* – (International) **Mexico gangs threaten to behead DEA agents.** A spray-painted sign threatening death for U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) agents was found July 1 next to a school in a northern Mexico state capital, officials said. Addressed with profanity to "Gringos (D.E.A.)," the unsigned graffiti warned: "We know where you are and we know who you are and where you go. We are going to chop off your (expletive) heads." Also July 1, five copies of a message addressed to the Chihuahua governor were found painted in Ciudad Juarez, a city across the border from El Paso, Texas. Those messages, apparently posted by rivals of the Sinaloa drug cartel, accused officials of protecting the Sinaloa organization. It was not clear if the messages in Chihuahua and Ciudad Juarez were related. The threatening message against the governor comes amid threats to the governor of Nuevo Leon, another northern state bordering Texas. Two of the

governor's bodyguards were mutilated, killed, and dismembered in June.

Source:

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2011/07/01/ap/latinamerica/main20076278.shtml>

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Information Technology Sector

50. *July 6, The Register* – (International) **Google dumps all 11+ million .co.cc sites from its results.** Google removed over 11 million .co(dot)cc Web sites from its search engine results pages on the basis that most of them contain too much spam. The .co(dot)cc space is not an officially authorized second-level domain, rather it is offered independently by a Korean company ([http://co\(dot\)cc/](http://co(dot)cc/)) that happens to own the domain name .co(dot)cc. Google classes the firm as a "freehost," and exercised its right to block the whole domain "if we see a very large fraction of sites on a specific freehost are spammy or low-quality", according to the head of Google's Web spam team. The company said in a recent blog post: "To help protect users we recently modified those [malware-scanning] systems to identify bulk subdomain services which are being abused. In some severe cases our systems may now flag the whole bulk domain." According to a recent report from the Anti-Phishing Working Group, the (dot)cc top-level domain hosted 4,963 phishing attacks in the second half of 2010, almost twice the number found under any other extension.

Source:

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/07/06/google_cans_11m_dot_co_dot_cc_sites/

51. *July 6, H Security* – (International) **Update for BIND DNS server reduces crash risk.** Two vulnerabilities in the popular BIND 9 DNS server jeopardize the server's stability and can cause the service to crash. One of the flaws can be exploited remotely via specially crafted UPDATE requests and affects both recursive and authoritative servers. The developers said the nature of the defect makes it impossible to prevent potential attacks using Access Control Lists (ACLs). The second defect is triggered by flawed request processing in servers that use "Response Policy Zones" (RPZs). Certain DNAME and CNAME records will cause BIND to crash. The intended use of the RPZ feature is to specify domain names that are not to be resolved. The domain names in question can, for instance, be established via a reputation database. RPZ is designed to counteract the thousands of spamming and malware domains that are registered every day. The developers made available updates 9.6-ESV-R4-P3, 9.7.3-P3, and 9.8.0-P4 for BIND to fix the problems.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Update-for-BIND-DNS-server-reduces-crash-risk-1274300.html>

52. *July 6, H Security* – (International) **Jailbreak for iOS 4.3.3 dents iPhone security.** A new untethered jailbreak, JailbreakMe 3.0 for the iPhone and iPad, exploits an issue in Mobile Safari's PDF renderer. Untethered jailbreaks can be performed without the use of a USB cable and a PC or Mac. This means the vulnerabilities the new jailbreak uses could potentially be exploited by malicious persons to attack Apple's mobile devices. A patch was made available for the PDF vulnerability, but it can only be installed on a

jailbroken device; the patch is available from the Cydia installer and is called pdfpatch2.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Jailbreak-for-iOS-4-3-3-dents-iPhone-security-1274659.html>

53. *July 5, Computerworld* – (International) **Rustock take-down proves botnets can be crippled, says Microsoft.** Microsoft said July 5 the coordinated take-down of the Rustock botnet and follow-up efforts purged the malware from more than half of the PCs once controlled by Russian hackers. "This shows that disruptive action [against botnets] is viable and possible," said a senior attorney with Microsoft's Digital Crime Unit. "Once you start taking apart the infrastructure of botnets, you drive up the cost of [botnet gangs] doing business," he added in an interview July 4. Since March, when Microsoft lawyers and U.S. marshals seized Rustock command-and-control (C&C) servers at five Web hosting providers in seven U.S. cities, the number of Windows PCs infected with the malware has dropped worldwide from 1.6 million to just over 700,000 as of June 18, the Microsoft attorney reported July 5. In the United States, an estimated 86,000 Rustock-infected PCs in March were reduced to 53,000 by June, a drop of 38 percent.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9218180/Rustock_take_down_proves_botnets_can_be_crippled_says_Microsoft

54. *July 5, Softpedia* – (International) **New major botnet crippled.** Security experts are working on shutting down a new botnet based on a modified Palevo version whose creators were arrested in Europe the week of June 27. According to security firm Unveillance, which is involved in the effort, the new botnet affects computers in more than 172 countries, including the United States, Russia, Brazil, China, the United Kingdom, and Iran. The malware powering the botnet is a variant of Palevo, a computer worm that spreads by exploiting Windows vulnerabilities, copying itself to removable storage devices and network shares, as well as sending itself over instant messaging and p2p file sharing networks. Security researchers from Trend Micro announced in May that Palevo's activity is as strong as it was before Mariposa was taken down — likely the result of the new botnet Unveillance was tracking. The law enforcement action in Europe the week of June 27 ended with the arrests of a man from Bosnia, and a man from Slovenia. The two are suspected of operating the botnet to steal money from the bank accounts of people worldwide. Authorities seized computer equipment and some of the command and control domains were taken offline, however, others remain active. Security researchers continue to analyze the threat to try to find a way to shut it down.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/New-Major-Botnet-Crippled-209903.shtml>

55. *July 5, threatpost* – (International) **URL shortening services used in large malware attack.** According to Symantec's MessageLabs Intelligence Blog, spammers are exploiting anonymous URL shortening services as part of a large malware attack. Using five different URL shortening Web sites, the attackers are sending mangled links to users under the guise of a bank transfer service. Claiming a transfer has been canceled; the attackers try to get the victim to click a link to open a PDF file that will

describe why. In reality, the link connects the user to a site serving drive-by exploits. URL shorteners have been used frequently in recent attack vectors.

Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/url-shortening-services-used-large-malware-attack-070511

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Communications Sector

56. *July 6, Seacoastonline.com* – (Maine) **Holiday storm knocks out cable.** Cable service was restored to homes in York, Maine July 5, after parts of the town lost service in a fast-moving thunderstorm July 4. A spokesperson for Time Warner Cable of Maine said July 5 that service was restored to all homes by 11:30 a.m. As of July 5, Time Warner was still determining the cause of the outage. Also, Central Maine Power (CMP) reported that 80 homes in York, and another 115 homes in South Berwick lost power in the storm. All power was restored by 8 p.m., July 4, a CMP spokesman said. Source: <http://www.seacoastonline.com/articles/20110706-NEWS-107060337>

57. *July 5, Billings Gazette* – (Wyoming) **Shoshone floods campgrounds while storms damage radio towers.** High winds and lightning knocked out two U.S. Forest Service communication towers, and flooding along the Shoshone River in Wyoming prompted the agency to close several campgrounds over the weekend of July 2 and 3. While forest officials worked to relocate campers, they also scrambled to repair two radio towers serving the North Fork and South Fork drainages outside Cody. A Wapiti District ranger said he believed the tower on Clayton Mountain was damaged by lightning, while high winds likely frayed the wires on the tower at Carter Mountain. He said forest crews were able to communicate despite the setback. “We have some landlines in most of our campgrounds, and when you get away from the campgrounds into the North Fork and backcountry trails, we carried satellite phones,” he said. Forest officials were seen flying equipment July 3 from a helipad at Wapiti to the communication towers. Crews were expected to return to the towers soon to complete repairs, the ranger said July 5.

Source: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming/article_b10b9bc6-c98d-5242-93a2-53c33a209827.html

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Commercial Facilities Sector

58. *July 6, Philadelphia Inquirer* – (New Jersey) **Fire hits 5th vacant warehouse in Camden.** Investigators are trying to determine the cause of the fifth fire in a month in a vacant warehouse building in Camden, New Jersey. The rash of fires in structures mostly from the city's faded industrial era has prompted the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) to send a team to help Camden officials determine what is happening. The latest fire — a two-alarm fire — was reported about 9:30 p.m. July 5 at the old Clement Coverall Co. plant, officials said. The upper floor of the two-story brick building collapsed during the fire. Investigators have determined that arson caused a June 20 fire in a former detergent factory in East Camden. Three earlier suspicious warehouse fires remain under investigation, although determining the causes in the first two may prove difficult, officials said. The first suspicious fire was a 12-alarm fire June 9 that started in a former tire-distribution center that damaged 23 buildings, 10 of them occupied. A second, eight-alarm fire occurred June 11, gutting a former garment factory. The June 20 fire was the third fire, and on June 23 a one-alarm fire burned through an abandoned building. The ATF has offered a reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the June 20 East Camden fire.
Source: http://www.philly.com/philly/news/new_jersey/125065558.html
59. *July 5, United Press International* – (Texas) **Apartment fire kills two in Texas.** Two people, one an 11-year-old girl, died in a fast-moving apartment fire in Arlington, Texas, officials said. The July 2 fire forced some residents to jump from a second-floor breezeway, and at least one person fled the building in flames, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported July 3. The 20-unit apartment building, and cars and trucks parked nearby were destroyed in the fire. One victim was in critical condition with burns at a hospital in Dallas, and a woman was treated for burns that were not life-threatening, the Arlington assistant fire chief said. The cause of the fire is under investigation, but the assistant chief said officials were "very curious" about why the building was burning so intensely when they arrived on scene.
Source: <http://www.firerescue1.com/fire-ems/articles/1073922-Apartment-fire-kills-two-in-Texas/>
60. *July 5, myCentralJersey.com* – (New Jersey) **Can of makeup explodes at Branchburg business; 6 hurt.** Six people were treated for minor injuries July 5 after a can of leg makeup exploded in a Branchburg, New Jersey business' labeling machine, police said. The incident occurred about 11:29 a.m. at American Spray Tech, a police spokesman said. He said the 7-inch-tall can of Sally Hansen "Airbrush Leg Makeup" was going through the machine when it exploded. The official said the six employees complained of burns on their arms and faces. The six were transported to Somerset Medical Center for treatment, he said. A hospital spokeswoman said by the afternoon, the six had been treated and released from the hospital's emergency department. The federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration was notified, the police official said. He said the company did not shut down operations.
Source: <http://www.mycentraljersey.com/article/20110705/NJNEWS/307050016/Can-of-makeup-explodes-at-Branchburg-business-6-hurt>

61. *July 5, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **62 arrested for fighting in 'Jersey Shore' town.** Police said they arrested 62 people at Seaside Heights, New Jersey's boardwalk after fights broke out following a July 4 fireworks display. Police said some of the thousands of spectators lingered after the fireworks show. They said a series of fights broke out and continued until police ordered the boardwalk closed at 1 a.m. July 5. A Seaside Heights detective told the Asbury Park Press that 39 people were arrested on disorderly persons offenses. Others were charged with assault, drug possession, and interfering with law enforcement. Police said they are not sure what caused the fights. Source: <http://tv.msn.com/tv/article.aspx?news=656916&ocid=ansent11>
62. *July 4, Associated Press* – (Kansas) **Three arrested for explosion at Junction City night club.** Three people have been arrested after an explosive device was set off behind a Junction City, Kansas bar July 3. Junction City police said the explosion at Club Coyote caused minor damage to a nearby vehicle, and sent people running from the area. No one was hurt. 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 were expected to be filed July 5. Source: <http://www.themercury.com/News/article.aspx?articleId=0a1169e7513c47ac8e26a413bf3ccad8>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

63. *July 6, Associated Press* – (North Carolina) **North Carolina wildfire spreads; homeowners evacuate.** Ten homes were evacuated and three destroyed by a wildfire in Bladen County, North Carolina, that has nearly doubled in size over the past 3 days, fire officials said July 5. A state forest service spokesman said a planned burnout operation July 3 to fight the fire by eliminating combustible materials failed to stop the Simmons Road Fire. "The fire came through our lines due to erratic winds and dry conditions," the spokesman said. Burning across the area's flammable organic soil, the fire continued moving northward into Cumberland County, where residents in 10 homes were given mandatory evacuation orders July 4. A cabin and two outbuildings were lost in the fire July 4, along with a four-wheeler and a specialized tractor used to fight wildfires, the spokesman said. The fire was sparked by lightning June 20, and consumed three homes in the first 48 hours. Firefighters were able to contain the blaze to slightly more than 3,000 acres until July 3, when it expanded by 2,850 acres. The total size of the fire was likely to grow July 5 to an estimated 6,000 acres by the end of the day, the spokesman said. About 80 firefighters, eight fire engines, and two helicopters were assigned to the Simmons Road fire. Source: <http://www.insurancejournal.com/news/southeast/2011/07/06/205235.htm>

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Dams Sector

64. *July 6, Missourinet* – (Missouri) **Levee fortification starts in Carroll County.** Work to shore up a weakened Carroll County, Missouri levee began July 6 after some of the Sugartree Bottom Levee slid away on the landward side, leaving a 3-to-4-foot wide scarp and weakening the wall's protection for Highway 65. The Corps emergency management chief said there was a 50-50 chance that section of the levee could fail if not repaired, potentially closing 65 for a few months. The Corps used 2,000-pound sandbags to add weight to the back of the levee to support it.
Source: <http://www.missourinet.com/2011/07/06/levee-fortification-starts-in-carroll-county-audio/>
65. *July 6, CTV Winnipeg* – (International) **River crests in Souris, dikes still holding.** Following intense preparation, the Souris River crested in Souris, Manitoba, Canada overnight July 5 into July 6. The Manitoba Water Stewardship reported dikes in Souris were holding with more than a meter of room to spare. About 190 people were forced from their homes due to flood fears. The Souris River was nearly 30 feet above normal levels July 5, due to heavy rains and saturated lands. If the area receives more bad weather, it could have a large impact. The town of Souris said it is looking to hire a company that can monitor the dikes to watch for any breaches. In Winnipeg, the Red River Floodway will be operated in the next day or two to alleviate water levels in the city.
Source:
http://winnipeg.ctv.ca/servlet/an/local/CTVNews/20110705/wpg_souris_crest_110705/20110706/?hub=WinnipegHome
66. *July 5, St. Joseph News-Press* – (Missouri) **Flood drops about a foot at Sugar Lake.** Forecasters and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said the Missouri River will stay between 28 and 32 feet until the end of August. Still, flood waters dropped about 1 foot at Sugar Lake since the overtopping began when the river reached almost 30 feet the week of June 30. The Missouri Department of Conservation, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the Missouri Air National Guard, and the Buchanan County sheriff's department were patrolling the Lewis and Clark Village in Missouri, and the north shore at Lewis and Clark Village. Water reached the rooftops of some homes, while a few on the south side appeared safe. St. Joseph city officials said operating 12 pumps behind the South Side levee costs \$136,500 per month. Rain in the city created problems on the Stockyards Expressway near the animal shelter. On the Elwood/Gladden Levee, patrols spotted new sand boils daily. The Corps planned to build a new well later the week of July 4 to relieve underground pressure, and said it would consider creating another large berm to eliminate an area where there are a number of sand boils. Officials feared that interior backups could inundate the city's sewer system along 165 Road, and eventually a low spot along U.S. 36 Highway.
Source: <http://www.newspressnow.com/localnews/28457400/detail.html>

67. *July 5, Associated Press* – (Nebraska; Iowa) **Nebraska crews continue flood fight in lakeside village, keep watch for levee trouble.** Crews along the Missouri River kept a cautious eye on Nebraska's man-made flood barriers July 5, with a focus on a Lake Waconda community, 25 miles south of Omaha where a levee recently broke. An acting spokesman for the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency said crews were monitoring the levee and others for water seepage, boils, or any other structural trouble signs. Crews continued reinforcement work on the inner levee that protects the community along Lake Waconda. Dump trucks piled gravel on top of an erosion mat designed to strengthen the flood barrier. The Missouri River broke through an old agricultural levee that sits further from houses and closer to the river. Flooding remains a concern all along the river because of the massive water release by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from upstream reservoirs. The river is expected to rise as much as 5 to 7 feet above flood stage in much of Nebraska and Iowa. Lake Waconda includes 228 houses, 38 of which are full-time homes, said the Cass County Emergency Management Director. The river level July 5 in Plattsmouth, Nebraska the nearest flood gauge, placed the Missouri River nearly 10 feet above the 26-foot flood stage.

Source:

<http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/view/story/ce02a3ae8ce74a418e5f5dbb801fe73f/NE--Nebraska-Flooding/>

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