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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 14, KIFI 8 Pocatello* – (Idaho) **Oil tanker fire closes hwy 30.** A fire on a truck carrying two tanks of oil closed a part of Highway 30 in Lava Hot Springs, Idaho July 14, Idaho State Police (ISP) said. The Hansen Oil Company truck was driving east on Highway 30 and had just passed Lava Hot Springs when the driver noticed something was wrong. He pulled over and saw flames coming from the engine. The fire quickly spread to the first of two oil tanks on the truck before firefighters got there, ISP said. Crews were able to put it out before it spread to the second tank. Both tanks contained

about 4,000 gallons of oil; none spilled out of the tanks during the incident. The highway was blocked for more than 4 hours while traffic was diverted onto Blazer Highway around the fire.

Source: <http://www.localnews8.com/news/28549843/detail.html>

2. *July 14, Reuters* – (Montana) **Montana spill pipeline may have carried oil sands crude.** An Exxon Mobil pipeline that ruptured, leaking oil into the Yellowstone River in Montana, may have sometimes carried a heavier and more toxic form of crude than initially thought, federal regulators said July 14. The U.S. Transportation Department's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration spokeswoman said her office had learned the pipeline may have been used to carry heavier crude. That a pipeline thought to transport only "sweet," low sulfur crude could have carried so-called tar sands crude from Canada raised concerns for health and environmental officials, even as Exxon officials said the heavier oil was not flowing through the Silvertip pipeline when it broke July 1. Federal inspectors were trying to determine if transport of tar sands crude could have triggered internal corrosion that may have played a role in the rupture. Montana's governor faulted Exxon for failing to tell the state exactly what kinds of crude ran in the pipeline, or spell out what hazardous chemicals were in the mix that is contaminating riverside properties.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/07/15/us-oil-spill-montana-idUSTRE76E0OJ20110715>

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Chemical Industry Sector

3. *July 15, WWMT 3 Kalamazoo* – (Michigan) **Chemical spill closes highway.** Hazmat crews were working to clean up a pesticide spill on M-51, just south of I-94 in Van Buren County, Michigan, the morning of July 15. Deputies said the spill happened around 4 a.m. when a semi hit a tractor and about 400 gallons of pesticide leaked out. No one was injured in the crash, and officials said the leak did not pose a public health threat. Traffic was being detoured on 64th Avenue, and officials said it would take several hours to clean the spill up.

Source: <http://www.wwmt.com/news/-1393462--.html>

4. *July 15, WFIN 1330 AM Findlay* – (Ohio) **Chemical leak reported at Lima plant.** Officials at a chemical plant in Lima, Ohio, said the public is safe following a leak July 14. A press release from INEOS Chemicals said an accidental release of acrylonitrile happened around 8:25 a.m. An alarm sounded at the facility on Lima's south side, and employees were advised to shelter in place. The release said the leak was isolated, and a clean-up plan was set up. Company officials said the proper regulatory agencies were notified. All employees on site were accounted for, and there were no injuries. The Shawnee Fire Department and the DHS responded.

Source: <http://www.wfin.com/localnews201.asp?id=7722&storyno=7>

5. *July 14, Channahon-Minooka Patch* – (Illinois) **No injuries reported after fire at Akzo Nobel Chemical Plant.** No injuries were reported at the Akzo Nobel Chemical Plant in Morris, Illinois, after the structure caught fire July 14, a Morris Fire Department spokeswoman said. She said multiple fire districts responded. A substantial portion of the structure was on fire late July 14, according to fire personnel. Responders set up tower ladders for Elwood's foam unit. Located on Route 6 east of Morris, the manufacturing facility occupies 26 acres of a 323-acre site, according to Akzo Nobel's Web site. The site said the plant produces chemicals that change the feel of other materials when mixed with water or other solvents, such as fabric softener. The plant employs 115 people.
Source: <http://channahon-minooka.patch.com/articles/chemical-plant-on-fire>

6. *July 14, Ventura County Star* – (California) **Chemical company agrees to clean up operation near Ventura River.** A chemical company that supplies oil fields in the Ventura County, California area will pay \$35,000 and put new controls on water pollution under a settlement that lets it avoid a lawsuit. Multi-Chem, a Texas company with a facility off of Ventura Avenue near the Ventura River, agreed to the deal with the nonprofit Environmental Defense Center (EDC), the Ventura County Star reported July 14. The EDC told Multi-Chem in April it planned to sue over the firm's failure to test stormwater that runs off its property into the Ventura River, as required by California's regional water quality control boards. An EDC statement said the settlement calls for Multi-Chem to: install new pollution control systems, such as basins to collect runoff water so it can be treated or disposed of; measure and test future runoff and issue annual reports; "meet and confer" with the EDC if pollution exceeds certain levels and discuss how to reduce it; pay for independent testing to confirm reports for 3 years; and pay \$35,000 toward a new fund to reduce Ventura River pollution.
Source: <http://www.vcstar.com/news/2011/jul/14/chemical-company-agrees-to-clean-up-operation/>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

7. *July 14, KVOA 4 Tuscon* – (Arizona) **Illegal immigrant working inside nuke plant arrested.** Maricopa County sheriff's deputies arrested an illegal immigrant working inside the Palo Verde Nuclear Plant near Phoenix, Arizona. The illegal immigrant was taken into custody by deputies July 13, and interrogated by human smuggling detectives. The man admitted he has been in the United States illegally for most of the past 15 years. According to the sheriff, he tried to gain access to the nuclear plant July 11, but was denied entrance because his Mexican driver's license was expired. He then returned July 12 as a passenger in a contractor's vehicle. The man presented an Arizona identification card and was permitted into the facility. When plant authorities more carefully examined the card later, officials thought it may be illegitimate and contacted the sheriff's office. Plant officials said the illegal immigrant was never allowed into any

secure areas or into the plant itself.

Source: <http://www.kvoa.com/news/illegal-immigrant-working-inside-nuke-plant-arrested/>

8. *July 14, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Warning siren sounds false alarm for Three Mile Island nuke plant in Pa.; probe under way.** People living in the Hummelstown, Pennsylvania got a scare when a warning siren at Three Mile Island nuclear power plant near Middletown briefly sounded, but officials said it was a false alarm. It sounded for about 30 seconds shortly after 1 p.m. July 14. Dauphin County Emergency Management Agency officials were notified through an automated monitoring network that the alarm went off. They are working with Exelon, the operator of Three Mile Island, to determine the cause. Exelon plans to replace all 96 sirens later in 2011 with newer, louder sirens, each with battery backup power. They said the control and monitoring systems for the sirens will also be replaced.
Source: <http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/64674f2b49734128bae26f238921c93d/PA--Three-Mile-Island-Siren/>
9. *July 14, Associated Press* – (Nevada) **House increases money for nuclear waste review.** The U.S. House of Representatives July 14 approved more money to review an application to store nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain near Las Vegas, Nevada, deviating from the Presidential administration's effort to kill the project. The 297-130 vote on an amendment to an energy spending bill doubles from \$10 million to \$20 million the budget for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to review a licensing application for the Yucca operation. Some \$15 billion has been spent over the past several decades to prepare Yucca as the central burying point for the nation's spent nuclear fuel, but the Senate Majority Leader has long opposed the project, and the President has taken steps to follow through on a campaign promise to shut it down. The administration has sought to withdraw the government application to build the dump. The Republican Representative from Illinois, who sponsored the amendment, said in debate July 13 that the nuclear disaster in Japan, where high-level radioactive waste was stored in pools, showed the need for a centralized storage location. Currently, there is some 82,000 tons of spent nuclear fuel and high-level nuclear waste stored at 80 sites in 35 states.
Source: http://hosted2.ap.org/APDEFAULT/Article_2011-07-14-Nuclear-Waste/id-p60b5dcc6a85a4cdc819b51f0a4263f7c

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

10. *July 14, WANE 15 Fort Wayne* – (Indiana) **Dozens battle Akron, Ind. blaze.** Half a dozen fire crews battled a huge blaze in Akron, Indiana, July 14. Henry Township firefighters made their way to the Akron Foundry on Main Street just before 6 p.m. It took roughly 75 firefighters nearly 2 hours to get the flames under control. Akron Foundry specializes in the design and creation of aluminum castings, according to its

Web site. The cause of the blaze has not been determined.

Source: <http://www.wane.com/dpp/news/local/dozens-battle-akron,-ind.-blaze>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Banking and Finance Sector

11. *July 14, KHOU 11 Houston* – (Texas) **13 men now charged in series of Houston-area bank robberies.** Six more Houston, Texas men have been charged for their alleged involvement in a series of Houston-area bank robberies, including the New Year's Eve robbery of a Pearland, Texas, bank, authorities said July 14. Authorities said the six were all charged with conspiring to, and committing a series of armed bank robberies. A total of 13 men have now been charged in the robberies. All 13 suspects are accused of robbing several area banks, including Wells Fargo bank branches August 23, 2010 and October 7, 2010, a Citibank September 14, 2010, an Amegy Bank September 15, 2010, and a Chase bank October 27, 2010. Authorities said the suspects chose banks that did not have security guards or bullet-resistant bandit barriers. During the robberies, the suspects used lookouts and stolen cars as getaway vehicles. Conspiracy to commit a bank robbery carries a maximum punishment of 5 years in prison and/or a \$250,000 fine if found guilty. Each count of bank robbery carries a maximum punishment upon conviction of 20 years in prison, or 25 years if a firearm is displayed. Source: <http://www.khou.com/home/13-men-now-charged-in-series-of-Houston-area-bank-robberies-125580658.html>
12. *July 14, Philly.com* – (Pennsylvania; New Jersey) **Former West Chester broker charged with mortgage fraud.** A Las Vegas man who once worked in West Chester, Pennsylvania, was charged July 14 in a \$7-million mortgage fraud scheme. Authorities said the 30-year-old who formerly worked as a mortgage broker for companies in West Chester and Newtown Square, defrauded at least seven financial institutions as part of a scheme that lasted from May 2005 to October 2008. The court filing alleged he found buyers, including family members, to purchase homes-primarily located in North Wildwood, New Jersey for inflated prices so buyers could get kickbacks of between \$30,000 and \$50,000 at closing. The charging document said he allegedly helped the buyers qualify for mortgages using false information, including bogus income and asset information, fake employment information, and underreported debt information. The charging papers said the suspect profited from the scheme by making inflated commissions on sales, kickbacks on his own purchases, and by receiving other kickbacks from sellers of the properties for finding them willing buyers. He allegedly brokered 35 transactions that involved inflated sales prices.

Source: http://articles.philly.com/2011-07-14/news/29773570_1_mortgage-fraud-mortgage-broker-inflated-sales-prices

13. *July 14, Dow Jones Newswires* – (International) **DOJ accuses 5 in alleged Iraq construction-kickback scheme.** A federal court July 14 unsealed charges against five people accused of corrupting more than \$50 million worth of U.S. Army infrastructure projects in Iraq. The 54-count indictment accuses three U.S. citizens and two foreign contractors of siphoning funds from several U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) projects in Iraq by trading information about the Corps' bidding process in exchange for kickbacks. The indictments for bribery, wire fraud, and depriving the government of honest services, among others, include charges against a former project engineer for the USACE. He allegedly took about \$4.2 million in bribes from July 2007 to June 2008 for USACE contracts awarded to companies associated with an Iraqi businessman. Another defendant allegedly accepted at least \$170,000 in bribes through the project engineer in 2008. The project engineer "used his position to undermine the process of fair and open competition by soliciting bribes in exchange for confidential bidding information," an IRS criminal investigator said. The government charged the man with other conspiracy and money laundering counts in October 2010. The other defendants indicted July 14 remain at large.

Source: <http://www.nasdaq.com/asp/stock-market-news-story.aspx?storyid=201107141342dowjonesdjonline000531&title=doj-accuses-5-in-alleged-iraq-construction-kickback-scheme>

14. *July 14, Atlanta Journal-Constitution* – (Georgia) **FDIC sues insiders at failed Ga. bank.** Federal bank regulators sued 15 former directors and officers of a failed Duluth, Georgia bank July 14, accusing the officials of gross negligence and other breaches of their duties. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. (FDIC) alleges improper lending practices and other violations of banking rules, and is seeking to recover nearly \$40 million in losses to Haven Trust Bank. The bank failed in December 2008. The latest lawsuit details a litany of alleged regulatory violations, including improper loans to family members of two bank insiders that resulted in more than \$7 million in losses. Much of the case centers around loans made to family members of the bank's two largest shareholders. The FDIC also alleges as the bank's condition worsened, it was ordered to reduce its exposure to real estate and raise investor cash. Instead of pulling back, the FDIC alleges, the bank produced more than \$175 million in new or renewed loans in the final year of its existence.

Source: <http://www.ajc.com/business/fdic-sues-insiders-at-1017222.html>

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Transportation Sector

15. *July 15, Associated Press* – (National) **Midwest flooding causes rail delays, added expense.** Many flood-related passenger train disruptions were expected to end once Amtrak reopens a 1,000-mile stretch of its most popular cross-country line. The Empire

Builder route is scheduled to reopen July 17 between St. Paul, Minnesota, and Havre, Montana. It was one of several Amtrak lines interrupted by Midwest flooding. The Amtrak general superintendent said flooding along the route created the worst disruptions anyone within Amtrak could recall in the line's 82-year history. The Empire Builder runs from Chicago to Washington State, before it forks into Seattle, Washington, and Portland, Oregon. Other lines in the Midwest remained closed, however, and continue to create delays and additional expenses.

Source: <http://www.kxlf.com/news/midwest-flooding-causes-rail-delays-added-expense/>

16. *July 15, Reuters* – (Arizona) **U.S. soldier nabbed boarding flight with explosives.** Police in Arizona arrested a U.S. soldier after he attempted to board a flight to Los Angeles, California, with a small amount of high-velocity plastic explosive in his baggage, authorities said July 14. The U.S. Army Private First Class, 19, was arrested July 13 after he tried to board a United Airlines flight to Los Angeles from Yuma, the U.S. Attorney's office for Arizona said. Transportation Security Administration officers detected explosives in his baggage during security screening at Yuma International Airport, officials said. A subsequent search found a half ounce of C4 explosive hidden in a tobacco can inside one of the bags. The soldier was detained for investigation and interviewed by FBI agents. The complaint said he stole the C4 while attending an explosive training course. Authorities found no evidence he intended any harm with the small amount of explosives in his possession. A conviction for attempting to carry an explosive on an aircraft, and transportation of a stolen explosive carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/07/15/uk-usa-soldier-flight-idUSLNE76E00Q20110715>

17. *July 15, Associated Press* – (Massachusetts) **Delta planes collide on taxiway at Boston airport.** The wing of a Delta jet clipped the tail of an aircraft that provides regional air service for the carrier while both planes were on the taxiway and preparing to fly out of Boston, Massachusetts, July 14, forcing officials to remove them from service for inspections. Local TV footage showed the crash sheared off the tip of the Delta Boeing 767 and crumpled part of the smaller plane's tail. A Logan International Airport spokesman said one person complained of neck pain after the crash. There were no other injuries. The incident involved Delta Flight 266 from Boston to Amsterdam, Netherlands, which hit the vertical stabilizer of Atlantic Southeast Airlines (ASA) Flight 4904, also on departure from Boston to Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina, a Delta spokesman said. Investigators interviewed crew and passengers of both aircraft, to try to figure out the circumstances surrounding the crash. The Delta jet returned to the gate, and ASA passengers were transported by bus to the terminal. Delta said both aircraft were removed from service for inspections. Passengers were put on other planes.

Source: <http://travel.usatoday.com/flights/story/2011/07/Delta-planes-collide-on-taxiway-at-Boston-airport/49407780/1>

18. *July 15, KCCI 8 Des Moines* – (Iowa) **See massive mess left on flooded Iowa interstate.** For the first time in weeks, parts of Interstate 29 in Iowa are above water

after being submerged in the Missouri River flood. Officials are now getting their first look at the damage done by the flooding, KCCI Des Moines reported July 15. Debris has washed onto the roadway for miles, and there is concern the pavement itself has been damaged. The Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) said it is too early to tell how much damage was done, but one thing is for sure, the Interstate 29 closure could last longer than the flood that initially caused all the problems. On top of that, the roads used for the detour will also have to be repaired due to the extra wear and tear they received this summer. IDOT officials said they will wait for all the water to recede before they assess the damage and make repairs. They said those repairs could last through next spring.

Source: <http://www.kcci.com/r/28558792/detail.html>

19. *July 15, Associated Press* – (International) **Astronauts fix another failed computer on shuttle.** The pilots on NASA's last space shuttle flight fixed another one of their main computers July 15 after it failed and set off an alarm that awoke the entire crew. Atlantis' commander said the alarm sounded an hour or so after the four astronauts had gone to bed, during the deepest part of their sleep. The astronauts rushed to the flight deck and switched to a backup computer. Within a half-hour they were back in bed. It was the second such failure of their space station delivery mission. Just before docking at the International Space Station July 10, another of the five main shuttle computers conked out. New software loads took care of both problems, although engineers were still trying to figure out why the trouble occurred in the first place. The five computers are critical for a space shuttle's return to Earth. Atlantis will make the last journey home of the 30-year space shuttle era July 21.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/wireStory?id=14078015>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

20. *July 14, KAPP 35 Yakima* – (Washington) **Serial vandalism targeting mailboxes.** Serial mailbox vandalism in West Valley, Washington has some residents frustrated. On July 14, a bomb squad from the Yakima Training Center destroyed a suspicious device that turned out to be fireworks wrapped in tape. The sheriff's office believes vandals were using the fireworks to destroy mailboxes. Mailboxes have also been bashed and sprayed with graffiti. One neighbor has already replaced his mailbox several times. Residents said the mailbox vandalism tends to occur more often in the summer.

Source: <http://www.kapptv.com/article/2011/jul/14/serial-vandalism-targeting-mailboxes/>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

21. *July 15, Bloomberg* – (International) **Beef contamination spreads in Japan as radiation taints straw.** More beef from cattle in Japan that ate straw tainted by radiation has found its way into the food supply, deepening concern about the safety of meat as the country struggles to contain the contamination. Cattle at the farm in Asakawa, about 60 kilometers from the crippled Fukushima Dai-Ichi nuclear station, were fed with rice straw containing 97,000 becquerels of cesium per kilogram, compared with the government standard of 300 becquerels, said a representative of the livestock division of the Fukushima prefectural government. The farm shipped 42 cattle in the past 3 months to slaughterhouses in Tokyo, Kanagawa, Chiba, and Miyagi prefectures, which were processed into meat and sold to distributors, he said. The ministry was unaware of the risk to cattle from tainted straw produced by local rice growers, said the agriculture minister in Tokyo July 15. "It was beyond imagination that rice straw was collected from the field in the spring," he said. Rice growers typically finish collecting straw by the end of harvest in the autumn. There is no centralized system to check for radioactive contamination of food in Japan as voluntary tests are conducted by prefectural governments in cooperation with local farmers. Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/g/a/2011/07/14/bloomberg1376-LOCU6M0UQVI801-4FM3QOMKQ5TPCTBI5HJIBQ1AAC.DTL>
22. *July 14, U.S. Food Safety and Inspection Service* – (International) **New York firm recalls imported ready-To-eat smoked duck breast products due to possible Salmonella contamination.** Palmex, Inc., a Champlain, New York establishment, is recalling about 197 pounds of imported, ready-to-eat, smoked duck breast products that may be contaminated with Salmonella, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced July 14. Through routine testing July 12, FSIS found a sample of smoked duck breast product imported from Canadian establishment number 377, Charcuterie Parisienne, to be positive for Salmonella. The initial product represented by that sample is on hold, but the Canadian Food Inspection Agency notified FSIS that additional product represented by the positive sample had been shipped to Sid Wainer & Son, Inc. and Palmex, Inc. A separate press release has been issued for products distributed by Sid Wainer & Son, Inc. Source: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_049_2011_Release/index.asp
23. *July 14, Oklahoma City Oklahoman* – (Oklahoma) **Bar S Foods employee in Lawton dies after falling into machine.** Investigations continued into the death of a Bar S Foods employee who died July 13 after a work-related incident in Lawton, Oklahoma, local authorities said. Shortly before midnight July 12 at the Bar S Foods manufacturing plant, the 26-year-old Duncan man was cleaning a piece of equipment employing an auger when he fell into the machinery, a Lawton Fire Department lieutenant said. The employee was found trapped in the machine from the waist down when emergency workers arrived. It took first responders an hour and 45 minutes to free him. The man was taken by ambulance to Comanche County Memorial Hospital where he died from severe injuries, the company said in a news release. The company is conducting its own investigation and is working with government agencies to determine the cause of the accident.

Source: <http://newsok.com/bar-s-employee-dies-from-work-injuries/article/3585531#ixzz1S6Uvtff0>

24. *July 14, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Water concerns rising as cattle die in dry Texas.** The unrelenting drought in Texas has produced a cruelly ironic twist: cattle dying from too much water. Agriculture officials said July 13 there are no hard numbers on how many head of cattle have died, but reports of deaths from too much water or too little are showing up across the nation's leading cattle production state. Producers are losing cattle after moving them from withered pastures where water tanks have dried up. Once in new pastures, cattle that die take in too much water too quickly. The animals die within minutes and their carcasses are found near the stock tanks from which they were drinking, a beef cattle specialist with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service said. Texas is coming off its driest 9-month period ever, and its hottest June on record. More than 90 percent of the state is in the two most severe drought stages. The cattle deaths are occurring earlier, in part because of lack of forage growth in pastures. Typically an average cow grazing green forage consumes 8.4 gallons of water a day from it. But because drought precluded forage growth and there has been a relatively low intake of dry forage, daily water consumption in 2011 is around 0.6 gallons.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9OFE3A03.htm>

25. *July 14, Associated Press* – (New Mexico) **NM man accused of handing out semen-tainted yogurt.** A 32-year-old New Mexico man was indicted after police said he was linked through DNA samples to semen-tainted yogurt samples handed out in January at Sunflower Market, a grocery store in Albuquerque. The suspect appeared in court July 14 after being indicted July 13 on charges of adulterating food, and making false statements to federal investigators. The judge ordered the suspect to remain in custody pending a detention hearing July 15. Officers responded to the store after a woman called to report an employee had given her what she was told was a yogurt sample. The woman told police she believed it was actually a bodily fluid. Police said they tested the yogurt and found semen, then linked it to the suspect using DNA. The suspect was arrested July 13 by Albuquerque police and officials with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2011/07/14/3769574/nm-man-accused-of-handing-out.html>

26. *July 14, Albertville Sand Mountain Reporter* – (Alabama) **Americold plant re-opens after chemical leak.** Americold Logistics employees were evacuated July 14 from the business in Albertville, Alabama, after an ammonia leak. The refrigeration and blast freezing industry summoned Albertville Fire and Rescue personnel at 10:23 a.m. when an ammonia leak was detected in the engine room. The Albertville fire chief said the entire facility was evacuated until the leak was verified and firemen dressed in protective hazardous material suits were able to isolate the leak. A few workers were checked out in the city's ambulance, but no one was injured, and no one required transport to local hospitals. Workers were allowed to return to the facility around noon July 14.

Source: http://www.sandmountainreporter.com/news/local/article_3c45c418-ae48-11e0-8e50-001cc4c002e0.html

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Water Sector

27. *July 15, Laurinburg Exchange* – (North Carolina) **Untreated wastewater discharged.** North Carolina officials said they have not determined what impact, if any, there was from a wastewater discharge July 13 in Laurinburg. City officials issued a statement after the incident stating that 20,000 gallons of untreated wastewater was discharged from a manhole at 125 McGirt's Bridge Road. The treatment plant director said the overflow was first observed at 1:34 p.m. and was stopped at 2:15 p.m. About 10,000 gallons of the discharge reached the surface water of Leith Creek in the Lumber River Basin. The cause of the overflow was determined to be paper and grease, one official reported.

Source: http://www.laurinburgexchange.com/view/full_story/14708813/article-Untreated-wastewater-discharged?instance=secondary_news_left_column

28. *July 15, Bergen Record* – (New Jersey; New York) **Ford will remove toxic paint sludge by truckload.** Ford Motor Co. will begin removing tons of toxic paint sludge dumped decades ago near the Ramapo River and a massive aquifer that provides drinking water to parts of New Jersey. More than 6,500 cubic yards of sludge — enough to fill 325 of the largest dump trucks — will be dug out of a 40-acre parcel in Rockland County, New York, just north of the auto plant Ford once operated in Mahwah, New Jersey. While Ford and New York environmental officials said there has been no impact to groundwater, the mayor of Mahwah said the threat is there. The township's water has never tested positive for contaminants, but officials have long been concerned because the sludge sits above the massive Ramapo aquifer, which stretches from Orange and Rockland counties into western Bergen County. "Anything upstream ends up down here," the mayor said. There are at least eight sludge piles in the "North of Ramapo Well Field Site", and one pile is within 50 feet of the river, according to the New York Department of Environmental Conservation.

Source:

http://www.northjersey.com/news/125624293_Sludge_to_be_removed_by_truckload.html

29. *July 12, WAVE 3 Louisville* – (Kentucky) **River warning issued after discharge of partially treated wastewater.** The Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) in Louisville, Kentucky, advised people to stay out of the Ohio River July 12 because of a major wastewater discharge caused by the July 11 water main break. Officials said more than 17 million gallons of partially treated water were discharged into the Ohio River near the water treatment center. The water had been cleaned once to remove any objects, but had not received the second treatment. MSD said that cleanup is not possible.

Source: <http://www.wave3.com/story/15070636/river-warning-issued-after-discharge-of-partially-treated-wastewater>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

30. *July 15, Fort Pierce Hometown News* – (Florida; International) **57 doctors linked to pharmacy in steroids, oxycodone investigation.** Between October 1, 2010 and March 31, 2011, 10,774 orders of anabolic-androgenic steroids and human growth hormone were dispensed from Treasure Coast Specialty Pharmacy in Jensen Beach, Florida. The prescriptions came from 57 doctors, according to a Florida Department of Health order to shut down the pharmacy. In its emergency suspension order of the pharmacy's permit, the health department said 30 of the doctors practice in Florida, and 1 wrote more than 4,400 of the prescriptions. Two other doctors prescribed the steroids for themselves. Officials shut the pharmacy June 28 after a joint investigation by the health department and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). They said the local business was one of the largest steroids suppliers in the country, and that it was part of an Internet network that saw it ship controlled substances to buyers in the continental United States and even overseas to Guam, the Virgin Islands, Finland, and Canada. Health officials said the pharmacy was licensed to do business in 48 states. The DEA found the majority of doctors prescribing steroids through the pharmacy lived in states different than their patients. The investigator pulled nearly 1,000 records, according to the suspension order. Treasure Coast belongs to a licensed pharmacist who is the owner/operator. He employed 4 other pharmacists, but distributed about 85 percent of the medication, authorities said. An undercover investigation found pharmacy staff failed to conduct proper verifications of prescriptions, and officials said the company improperly dispensed thousands of orders, many of which were for oxycodone. Source: <http://www.myhometownnews.net/index.php?id=82854>

31. *July 14, Casper Star-Tribune* – (Wyoming) **Wyoming Health Department warns of Campylobacter infections.** The Wyoming Department of Health reported a sharp increase statewide in potentially dangerous human Campylobacter bacterial infections this summer. The department has identified 29 cases of Campylobacter infections in Wyoming since June 1, a four-fold increase compared to historical data for the same time period. At least six people have been hospitalized. Nearly three-quarters of the patients are male. Among patients interviewed to date, exposure to animals, especially cattle and dogs, has been common. Campylobacter infection is one of the most common causes of bacterial diarrhea in the United States. Infected people typically develop diarrhea (sometimes bloody), nausea, vomiting, stomach cramping, abdominal pain, and fever for about a week. In rare cases, people may develop serious complications such as Guillain-Barré syndrome. It can lead to paralysis and usually requires intensive care. Campylobacter often causes illness in young animals, but infected older animals often have no symptoms. Humans are exposed to the bacteria in the fecal material and then become sick. Source: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming/article_c1db5303-fffd-53d0-91df-ca6625039db6.html

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Government Facilities Sector

32. *July 15, Columbus Dispatch* – (International) **Ohio congressman's Twitter account 'hacked'**. An Ohio lawmaker's Twitter account was hacked July 13. Twitter users noticed the problem after someone posted two nonsensical messages to an Ohio Congressman's Twitter feed, and replaced his profile image with a digitally manipulated image of a naked man. The offensive material was quickly removed. Soon after that, the Congressman's office posted this on their Twitter site: "Folks, this account has been hacked. We apologize for anything offensive from the account recently. Thank you as we work to figure this out."

Source:

http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/local_news/stories/2011/07/15/politicians-twitter-account-hacked.html

33. *July 15, Appleton Post-Crescent* – (Wisconsin) **Town of Menasha hopes investment prevents methane blast**. Standing in the parks department shop with a Honeywell gas meter in his hands, a Menasha, Wisconsin resident slides a metal cover away from a manhole grate in the floor and stands over it for several seconds. "There's nothing there," said the man, a streets superintendent for the Town of Menasha, looking at the meter's digital reading. He repeats the test in work areas, corners, and secluded areas of the building where the air system might not naturally dissipate any gas concentrations. Since November 2010, when potentially dangerous levels of methane were discovered in a landfill near the town's municipal complex, meters have been used frequently to check for evidence of methane gas inside work areas. While town officials and hired consultants have yet to find methane anywhere inside the buildings, several newly installed outdoor vapor probes have registered methane levels in excess of the lower explosive limit of 5 percent methane. In order to further safeguard town employees and the town's multimillion dollar investment in its facilities, the town board the week of July 11 authorized borrowing up to \$527,000 to pursue installation of methane gas mitigation systems in three areas.

Source: <http://www.postcrescent.com/article/20110715/APC0101/107150462/Town-Menasha-hopes-investment-prevents-methane-blast?odyssey=tab|topnews|img|APC-News>

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Emergency Services Sector

34. *July 15, Gaithersburg Gazette* – (Maryland) **Montgomery reports another 911 glitch**. The Maryland Public Service Commission (MPSC) is investigating a glitch in Verizon's 911 service that prevented dispatchers from accessing callers' locations. The issue, which occurred May 30, affected 911 service in Montgomery County, and parts of Virginia. The MPSC issued a memo July 12 scheduling a hearing with Verizon to

determine whether the outage violated Maryland laws or regulations. The commission's memo states it could impose civil penalties on the utility, which is the sole provider of 911 services in Maryland. Verizon also is under investigation by the Federal Communications Commission and the MPSC regarding outages in 911 service that prevented emergency calls from reaching dispatchers in Montgomery and Prince George's counties earlier in 2011.

Source:

<http://www.gazette.net/article/20110715/NEWS/707159674/1034/montgomery-reports-another-911-glitch&template=gazette>

35. *July 14, Bay City News Service* – (California) **Authorities: 911 service temporarily disrupted in Coachella Valley.** A backhoe operator apparently severed a key communications line that threw the Coachella Valley, California, 911 system into disarray July 14. Problems started cropping up about 9 a.m., with some calls being rerouted and some cell phone calls reportedly being dropped but, by early afternoon, most systems were working, an Indio police spokesman said. A Riverside County sheriff's sergeant said all emergency calls were being handled July 14. Some dispatchers rerouted calls to public safety agencies in other cities, he said. It was unclear if the glitch prevented anyone from getting immediate help July 14. Normal 0 false false false EN-US X-NONE X-NONE MicrosoftInternetExplorer4 /* Style Definitions */ table.MsoNormalTable {mso-style-name:"Table Normal"; mso-tstyle-rowband-size:0; mso-tstyle-colband-size:0; mso-style-noshow:yes; mso-style-priority:99; mso-style-qformat:yes; mso-style-parent:""; mso-padding-alt:0in 5.4pt 0in 5.4pt; mso-para-margin:0in; mso-para-margin-bottom:.0001pt; mso-pagination:widow-orphan; font-size:11.0pt; font-family:"Calibri", "sans-serif"; mso-ascii-font-family:Calibri; mso-ascii-theme-font:minor-latin; mso-fareast-font-family:"Times New Roman"; mso-fareast-theme-font:minor-fareast; mso-hansi-font-family:Calibri; mso-hansi-theme-font:minor-latin; mso-bidi-font-family:"Times New Roman"; mso-bidi-theme-font:minor-bidi;}

Source: <http://www.swrnn.com/2011/07/14/authorities-911-service-temporarily-disrupted-in-coachella-valley/>

36. *July 14, Syracuse Post-Standard* – (New York) **Auburn inmate pleads not guilty to sending hoax anthrax letters to courts.** A state prison inmate accused of sending hoax anthrax letters to five U.S. district court clerk's offices pleaded not guilty to a five-count indictment July 14 in federal court in Syracuse, New York. The inmate at Auburn Correctional Facility, is accused of sending the letters from prison to clerk's offices in Syracuse; Washington, D.C.; and Charlottesville, Harrisonburg, and Alexandria, Virginia, in April 2007, federal prosecutors said. The letters contained an unknown substance along with a document that stated the substance was anthrax. The suspect is charged with violating U.S. Code against spreading false information, which, if true, would involve the use a weapon of mass destruction, the indictment states. He is serving a sentence of four and a half to nine years in Auburn for burglary, ID theft, forgery, and attempted placement of a false bomb, according to the state department of correction Web site. He was sentenced in April 2006. If convicted of the new charges, he faces up to 5 years in federal prison and up to \$250,000 in fines, prosecutors said.

Source:

http://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2011/07/auburn_inmate_plads_not_guilt.html

37. *July 14, KGUN 9 Tucson* – (Arizona) **Man arrested for shining laser light at aircraft.** Deputies arrested a Tucson, Arizona man after they say he shined a green laser light into the cockpit of a Pima County Sheriff's Department Air Unit, and may have shined the light into at least 3 commercial airliners flying into Tucson International Airport (TIA). The Pima County Sheriff's Air Unit on patrol July 12, received word a green laser was illuminating the cockpit's of commercial jetliners on approach to TIA. Pilots reported the lasers coming from an area southeast of Ryan Airfield. Around 9:10 p.m. July 13, the air unit, flew in the area reported by the pilots. A short time later the cockpit was illuminated by a green laser light. Sheriff's deputies on the ground responded to a home on Climbing Way after the crew in the aircraft guided them there. Authorities contacted four men and located a laser, a deputy said. After interviewing them, deputies determined a 20-year-old man had pointed the laser at the aircraft. He was arrested on two counts of endangerment, and was booked into the Pima County Adult Detention Center.

Source: <http://www.kgun9.com/125604938.html>

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Information Technology Sector

38. *July 15, IDG News Service* – (International) **Researcher finds serious vulnerability in Skype.** A security consultant notified Skype of a cross-site scripting flaw that could be used to change the password on someone's account, according to details posted online. Skype said it would issue a fix the week of July 18. The consultant, based in Berlin, posted details of the flaw on his blog July 13 and notified Skype July 14. The problem lies in a field where a person can input their mobile phone number. The consultant said a malicious user can insert JavaScript into the mobile phone field of their profile. When one of their contacts comes online, the malicious user's profile will be updated, and the JavaScript will be executed when the other contact logs in. The other person's session could be hijacked, and it may be possible to gain control of that person's computer. An attacker could also change the password on someone's account. The problem affects the latest version of Skype, 5.3.0.120, on Windows XP, Vista, and 7, as well as the Mac OS X operating system.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9218440/Update_Researcher_finds_serious_vulnerability_in_Skype

39. *July 15, Help Net Security* – (International) **New Hotmail security features against account hijacking.** Microsoft will introduce two new security features for its Web-based Hotmail service to make accounts more difficult to hijack, and to make spotting hijackings faster. The first feature makes the use of extremely common passwords impossible. The feature will be rolled out soon, and it will work to prevent successful brute force attacks. The second feature is already released, and allows users to report compromised accounts to Microsoft immediately after receiving a spam or scam e-mail

from a contact's e-mail account.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=11292>

40. *July 14, Softpedia* – (International) **Android trojans pose as legit security applications.** Spoofing security software is common with desktop threats, however, the trend is new with mobile malware. The Android trojan that poses as the Trusteer Rapport security application is the new Zeus-in-the-mobile (Zitmo) variant discovered by security researchers recently. Researchers from Kaspersky found Web pages generated by a desktop Zeus variant that informs users about a new mobile security app for online banking. Users are asked to choose their mobile operating system and if Android is selected, they are served an .apk file that installs the fake Rapport application. The application monitors SMS messages and send copies of them to a remote server, which is done to intercept mobile transaction authentication numbers. Meanwhile, security researchers from Sophos came across an Android trojan that poses as Kaspersky Anti-Virus 2011. The application appears to be a test and not an actual malicious trojan, but is an indication malware creators are trying to impersonate security vendors. Similar to the Zitmo component, after installation, the fake Kaspersky app tries to generate and display an activation code. After this, it intercepts SMS messages and sends them to a remote server.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Android-Trojans-Pose-as-Legit-Security-Applications-211618.shtml>

41. *July 14, Help Net Security* – (International) **Apple iDisk users targeted by phishers.** Users of iDisk — Apple's paid online file-hosting service bundled up in the MobileMe package — are being targeted by phishers, warned Symantec. The company's researchers recently discovered a string of phishing pages mimicking the iDisk log-in page, and once the victim enters their log-in credentials, the page redirects him/her to a legitimate Apple MobileMe error page saying the password is not valid. In the meantime, the phishers harvest the credentials and use them to access the paid accounts for free, and use them to store their own data. The phishing links were delivered to potential victims via bogus e-mails. To make the e-mail more believable, the phishers used the name portion of the victims' e-mail address in the phishing URL, and as the user ID with which they addressed the victims.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=11288>

42. *July 14, Softpedia* – (International) **Cyber criminals switch to alternative second-level domains after .co.cc ban.** Pushed by the recent Google ban on .co.cc, cyber criminals began migrating to alternative bulk domain providers, making it harder for Google and others to block the malicious sites en masse. At the beginning of July, Google deindexed all .co.cc Web sites from its search engine because of the unusually high abuse registered under the domain. The .co.cc second-level domain (SLD) is used as a bulk domain registration service and had become a favorite for cyber criminals to host their scareware and phishing pages. Now, security researchers from Kaspersky warned cyber criminals began dropping .co.cc in favor of alternative SDLs like co.cz, uni.cc, and bz.cm. "Google's actions may not have been very beneficial. On the one hand, they have removed a huge amount of malicious resources from their resource. On the other hand, they have forced out a lot of legitimate Web sites," a Kaspersky Lab

researcher said. "Moreover, as there are many services like co.cc, the cybercriminals will quickly switch over to another service, making the blocking of just one zone completely pointless," he concluded.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Cyber-Criminals-Switch-to-Alternative-Second-Level-Domains-After-CO-CC-Ban-211620.shtml>

43. *July 14, ZDNet* – (International) **RIM warns of data leakage, denial-of-service vulnerability.** Research in Motion (RIM) shipped a patch to cover a serious security vulnerability that could allow attackers to read files that contain only printable characters on the BlackBerry Enterprise Server, including unencrypted text files. The flaw, which may also allow denial-of-service attacks, is limited to the user permissions granted to the BlackBerry Administration API component, RIM said in an advisory. "Successful exploitation of this issue could allow information disclosure. Successful exploitation may also result in resource exhaustion and therefore could be leveraged as a partial denial of service." RIM said the issue affects the BlackBerry Administration Application Programming Interface (API) component within the BlackBerry Administration Service component of several software versions. The BlackBerry Device Software, Desktop Software, and Internet Service are not affected by this vulnerability.

Source: <http://www.zdnet.com/blog/security/rim-warns-of-data-leakage-denial-of-service-vulnerability/9021>

44. *July 14, IDG News Service* – (International) **Oracle to issue 78 bug fixes on Tuesday.** Oracle plans to issue 78 patches covering a number of its software products July 19, including 13 fixes for its flagship database, according to a statement posted to its Web site July 14. The database patches cover a number of database editions, including 11g R1 and R2, as well as 10G R1 and R2. Two of the vulnerabilities can be exploited over a network without log-in credentials. Another three patches cover Oracle's Secure Backup product, all of which can be exploited remotely without authentication. Oracle plans to issue 7 patches for various modules in its Fusion Middleware line, while Enterprise Manager Grid Control will receive 18 fixes. E-Business Suite and Oracle's supply chain products will get one patch each, while a dozen are scheduled to be released for PeopleSoft. Oracle is also rolling out 23 patches for products gained through the acquisition of Sun Microsystems, including GlassFish Server, VirtualBox, Solaris, SPARC Enterprise M Series, and SPARC T3 series. Nine of the weaknesses can be exploited over a network without requiring a username or password, Oracle said.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9218427/Oracle_to_issue_78_bug_fixes_on_Tuesday

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Communications Sector

45. *July 15, Parkersburg News and Sentinel* – (West Virginia) **Verizon remedies service problem.** Problems with Verizon Wireless cell service from July 7 to July 13 have been rectified, a company spokesperson said. Customers were reporting problems receiving calls on their wireless phones from traditional landline phones. A spokeswoman for Verizon, said there was a handoff issue between landlines and cells, but the issue has been fixed. She said she thought the problem could be with landline service providers, and suggested Frontier Communications might know what happened. A general manager for Frontier's Parkersburg office, said he was not aware of any problem between landlines and cell service. The only problems they had over the last week was line damage from storms that hit the area July 12. Those problems were fixed within 12 hours. The Verizon spokesperson did not know how many customers were impacted.

Source: <http://www.newsandsentinel.com/page/content.detail/id/549991/Verizon-remedies-service-problem.html?nav=5061>

46. *July 14, The Register* – (International) **Voda: Femtocell phone-hacking vuln was fixed in 2010.** Vodafone said July 14 that claims of a vulnerability involving its femtocell base station technology relate to a flaw it fixed a year ago. Security shortcomings in Vodafone's femtocell signal booster technology create a possible means for a hacker to intercept calls or impersonate users that connect via a compromised device, The Hacker's Choice (THC) claims. THC claims to have reverse-engineered allegedly insecure base station kit, so turning hacked femtocells into an interception device in the process. The bug ultimately stems from default root passwords on a insecure device console. The research was first published in a blog on July 12, rapidly reaching notoriety in the process. In a statement, Vodafone said the underlying security bug was actually fixed as long ago as 2010. "The claims regarding Vodafone Sure Signal, which is a signal booster used indoors, relate to a vulnerability that was detected at the start of 2010. A security patch was issued a few weeks later automatically to all Sure Signal boxes. As a result, Vodafone Sure Signal customers do not need to take any action to secure their device," Vodafone said in a statement issued July 14.

Source:

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/07/14/voda_dismisses_femtocell_base_station_hack/

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Commercial Facilities Sector

47. *July 14, KXTV 10 Sacramento* – (California) **Stockton police move live grenade from Miracle Mile.** Stockton, California police moved a live grenade found near a blue pick-

up truck in the Miracle Mile District to another location July 14. A man told police he found the grenade on his family's property east of Stockton. He feared children would find the grenade, so he put it in his truck and drove to Pacific Avenue, a Stockton police officer said. The man approached a police officer on Pacific Avenue and told him about the grenade. The emergency ordnance disposal team was called to the scene. Police said the man took a big chance to move the grenade from its original location. Police tore down the road block on Pacific Avenue between West Walnut Street and West Alder Street after the grenade was loaded onto a bomb truck and moved from the area. The Miracle Mile is home to different shops and restaurants.

Source: <http://www.news10.net/news/article/145602/29/Stockton-police-move-live-grenade-from-Miracle-Mile>

48. *July 13, Fayetteville Observer* – (North Carolina) **Construction crane collapses in Fayetteville.** A crane working on a parking deck in downtown Fayetteville, North Carolina collapsed July 13, damaging several cars, and closing nearby streets. A statement from the city said the crane operator was taken to Cape Fear Valley Medical Center for observation. The crane brought down some metal scaffolding and left the crane's boom lying across Franklin Street. The boom completely crushed one car, and clipped the sedan next to it. City officials said the parking deck sustained minimal damage. The crane suffered a diesel leak, but the fire department hazmat team contained and then stopped it. Police cordoned off a 2-block area with crime scene tape. Two streets were closed because of the accident.

Source: <http://www.wral.com/news/state/story/9857587/>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

49. *July 14, KETK 56 Tyler* – (Texas) **Forest fire near Henderson.** East Texas firefighters were working on a large fire July 14 in a wooded area south of Henderson. The Texas Forest Service said the fire was contained, and crews would be on site monitoring the situation for the next 5 or 6 days. The Longview News-Journal reported that multiple fire departments from the area were working to contain the fire July 13. The Rusk County Office of Emergency Management said several East Texas Volunteer fire departments were called to contain the fire July 13 about 8 p.m. About 15 acres were burned.

Source: <http://www.ketknbc.com/news/forest-fire-near-henderson>

50. *July 14, Fresno Bee* – (California) **Sequoia forest fire grows to 600 acres.** A fire started July 8 by lightning in the Golden Trout Wilderness in the Sequoia National Forest in California has grown to 600 acres, forest officials said July 14. The fire started a half mile west of Lion Meadow, and east of the Little Kern River. About 50 firefighters and staff managed the fire as they let it burn, officials said. The blaze continued to burn downhill toward the Little Kern River as the fire moved to the northeast. Trails to the north and south of Lion Meadow will be closed while the fire front passes the area, which was expected to begin July 14.

Source: <http://www.fresnobee.com/2011/07/14/2465170/sequoia-forest-fire-grows-to-600.html>

51. *July 14, KTBS 3 Shreveport* – (Louisiana) **Caddo Parish man arrested in 250-acre wildfire.** A Louisiana agriculture and forestry commissioner said state forestry agents arrested a north Caddo Parish man July 11 for negligence in a wildland fire that burned 250 acres of timber near the Trees community. The 64-year-old Hosston man was arrested at the Caddo Correctional Center in Shreveport and charged with "Fire Raising on Lands of Another." He posted a \$2,658 bond and was released July 14. The fire destroyed a fishing camp, motorhome, bass boat, and storage building. The forestry enforcement manager said the estimated timber damage was \$300,000. No loss estimate has been determined for the property. "On the morning of June 18th, (the suspect) was using a cutting torch, and according to witnesses, a fire started from the torch and hot metal slag," the forestry enforcement manager said. "The two witnesses had 10 gallons of water in their truck and thought the fire was extinguished, but (the suspect) allegedly left the scene without ensuring that the fire was out." A local resident reported the fire burning under and around the compressor at noon and called 911. A dozen units from Caddo Parish Fire District Seven, mutual aid units from Texas, and four dozer crews from the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry responded to the fire.

Source: <http://www.ktbs.com/news/28551727/detail.html>

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Dams Sector

52. *July 14, Wausau Daily Herald* – (Wisconsin) **3-foot drawdown of Wisconsin River planned for Wausau Paper dam repairs.** The Wisconsin River will be drawn down 3 feet in coming weeks to allow repairs to Wausau Paper's Mosinee dam, the Wausau Daily Herald reported July 14. It will affect the river between the dam in eastern Mosinee and a second dam upstream in Rothschild. The paper company plans within the next month to replace flashboards that release during high water events such as strong storms and floods. The devices release when water backs up above the dam and allow high volumes of water to go over the dam "without causing a lot of other commotion," said Wausau Paper's director of investor relations. The Department of Natural Resources watershed supervisor said taking care of the repairs mid-summer minimizes impact on wildlife. New equipment in the dam also should provide a more precise release, he said.

Source: <http://www.wausaudailyherald.com/article/20110715/WDH0101/107150460/3-foot-drawdown-Wisconsin-River-planned-Wausau-Paper-dam-repairs>

53. *July 14, Thomaston Express* – (Connecticut) **Molotov cocktails found at Black Rock Dam.** Two incendiary devices, Molotov cocktails, were discovered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the access road to the Black Rock Lake Dam in Thomaston, Connecticut the week of July 11. A Molotov cocktail consists of a breakable bottle filled with gasoline or another flammable fluid, with a cloth or rag stuffed in the bottle's opening. The rag is set aflame to ignite the fluid. The Corps alerted Thomaston

police about the discovery according to the police detective sergeant who reported that both devices were set off at the dam. “We’re investigating two instances where the remnants of two Molotov cocktails were discovered at Black Rock Dam,” he said. “They were both full incendiary devices, with the rag and the whole nine yards.” He said that there were small burn patches left by the explosion on the asphalt of the access road. The sergeant said it does not appear that anyone or anything was targeted by the individual or individuals responsible for making the cocktails.

Source:

<http://www.foothillsmediagroup.com/articles/2011/07/14/thomaston/news/doc4e1efd8343d78057797169.txt?viewmode=2>

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