



# Homeland Security

## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 21 July 2011

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- A Nuclear Regulatory Commission inspection found numerous safety problems at the Watts Bar nuclear plant near Spring City, Tennessee, WRCB 3 Chattanooga reports. (See item [10](#))
- The FBI said July 19 it arrested 14 people thought to belong to the hacking group Anonymous for alleged participation in a series of distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks against PayPal, according to Computerworld. (See items [17](#), [37](#), [46](#))

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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 20, Burlington Free Press* – (Vermont) **U.S. 7 in Milton reopens after propane leak.** A large propane leak off U.S. 7 in Milton, Vermont, closed the busy highway north of Chimney Corner for hours July 19, and police sealed off the area for at least a half mile around the site of the leak. The highway was reopened shortly before midnight, police said. More than 30 people who were unable to get home during the closure gathered at a Shell convenience store just south of Chimney Corner, which is at

the intersection of U.S. 7 and U.S. 2 in Colchester. The north-south artery was closed beyond that point. People in the neighborhoods around the leak site were ordered to stay indoors. The leak occurred at about 6:30 p.m. at a 500-gallon tank at a rental property at 794 U.S. 7 South, the Milton fire chief said. Something struck an above-ground fill station on the otherwise-buried tank with substantial force; what hit the tank remained under investigation July 19. The leaking propane formed a dangerous, potentially explosive vapor cloud, prompting the evacuation, the fire chief said. Emergency responders allowed the leak to run itself out.

Source:

<http://www.burlingtonfreepress.com/article/20110719/NEWS02/110719028/Propane-leak-closes-U-S-7-keeps-residents-from-Milton-homes?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|FRONTPAGE>

2. *July 20, WKYC 3 Cleveland* – (Ohio) **Northeast Ohio: Less than 2,000 without power Wednesday morning.** About 40,000 people across Northeast Ohio were without power the morning of July 19, due to heavy rains, storms, and the flooding of an electrical substation on the west side of Cleveland. By about 4 p.m., that number was less than 2,000, according to a FirstEnergy spokesman. FirstEnergy crews were able to reroute the electrical power away from the flooded substation, pump out the water, make a few repairs and get the substation back online by the afternoon. But just before 6 p.m., that same substation had another problem, affecting about 7,000 customers in Lakewood. By 5:30 a.m. July 20, only about 2,000 people were without power, according to the latest FirstEnergy outage map statistics.

Source: <http://www.wkyc.com/news/article/198269/226/Cleveland-15000-without-power-on-west-side>

3. *July 19, Associated Press* – (Alaska) **BP will complete cleanup of methanol, oil spill at Lisburne before digging up pipe that failed.** BP Exploration Alaska will complete the cleanup of a spill at the Lisburne drill site on Alaska's North Slope before digging up the pipe that burst and caused it, a spokesman for the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) said July 19. An estimated 2,100 to 4,200 gallons of methanol, water, and crude oil spilled July 16 onto a gravel pad, and into a tundra pond at the production facility. The spill occurred as crews tested newly installed valves by pressurizing a section of pipe that crosses beneath a road. The valves held up but the pipe failed, said a spokesman of the DEC's Spill Prevention and Response Division. The pipe was an 8-inch line used almost continuously to move fluids from wells on the pad. The purpose of the pipeline is to divert production from individual wells to a test separator that measures the flow of oil, gas and water as required by the state, a BP spokeswoman said. The inner pipe had been partially drained for the work replacing valves, where corrosion had been detected. Workers added fluid to the pipe as part of a leak test, and when pressure reached 949 pounds per square inch, the pipe failed. Fluids released flowed from both ends of the structural casing. BP said the spill was detected immediately.

Source: <http://juneauempire.com/state/2011-07-19/bp-will-complete-cleanup-methanol-oil-spill-lisburne-digging-pipe-failed#.TibwOGEg1kB>

4. *July 19, Associated Press* – (Montana) **FX Energy to plug wells at site of NW Mont. spill.** FX Energy Inc. plans to permanently shut down two oil wells near Helena, Montana where a spill went unreported for a month and spread nearly a mile before being discovered, a company executive said July 19. The company is filing notice with the Blackfeet Indian tribe that subsidiary FX Drilling Co. will plug the small wells on the Blackfeet reservation, and dig up the connecting flow line that spilled up to 840 gallons of crude and contaminated water, a FX Energy Vice President said. The two wells combined produce only about a barrel of oil a day — 42 gallons — and have been offline since the leak was discovered, he said. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency officials said they are looking into possible penalties against the company because the length of time it took for the spill to be reported. Tribal officials also were looking for answers as to why FX Energy did not inform them when the spill happened in June, a spokesman said.  
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2011/07/19/fox-energy-to-plug-wells-at-site-nw-mont-spill/>
5. *July 19, Kalamazoo Gazette* – (Michigan) **Over 90 percent of oil cleaned up in Kalamazoo River, EPA says more oil submerged under 200 acres of river bed.** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) officials said that while more than 90 percent of the oil spilled into the Kalamazoo River in last summer's pipeline break near Marshall, Michigan has been cleaned up, there is still much work to do, including extracting submerged oil from 200 acres of the river's bottom. The July 19 update on progress cleaning up the river comes almost 1 year after 819,000 gallons of oil from a ruptured pipeline owned by Enbridge Energy Partners gushed into Talmadge Creek then the Kalamazoo River. The oil was found in 200 acres in the Morrow Lake, Mill Pond, and the Ceresco Dam areas, said the deputy incident commander for the EPA's cleanup. He said the EPA has directed Enbridge to clean up those areas by August 31. Beyond those 200 acres, the spokesman said may be other areas not yet identified that need to be cleaned up over the next few years as the EPA continue to assess the river. Clean up work is being done by Enbridge and contract crews. There are around 500 people working on the spill site, down from 2,500 from last August.  
Source:  
[http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2011/07/over\\_90\\_percent\\_of\\_oil\\_cleaned.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2011/07/over_90_percent_of_oil_cleaned.html)

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

6. *July 20, WVNS 59 Lewisburg* – (National) **C8 science panel finds no link between chemical, diseases.** In lieu of a class action lawsuit involving the release of the chemical perfluorooctanoic acid from DuPont's Teflon manufacturing Washington Works plant in Parkersburg, West Virginia, the C8 Science Panel submitted three reports to Wood County Circuit Court, WVNS 59 Lewisburg reported July 20. The three-scientist panel was chosen to determine if the chemical commonly called C8,

used in Teflon manufacturing, causes certain diseases. In its reports, the panel looked at C8 exposure and its relationship to kidney and liver diseases, and negative pregnancy effects. So far, the panel concluded exposure has not caused two of the three markers of decreased liver function, and has not caused an increased amount of kidney disease. It has also ruled out many negative conditions associated with pregnancy. The panel plans to continue studying preterm birth and birth weight, and that data will be combined with the current records.

Source: <http://www.cbs59.com/story.cfm?func=viewstory&storyid=103625&catid=3>

7. *July 19, Washington State Department of Agriculture* – (Washington) **WSDA issues fines for pesticide-use violations for 2nd quarter.** The Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) reported July 19 it issued fines totaling \$38,300 and imposed license suspensions during the second quarter of 2011 for violations of state pesticide laws and rules. Fines ranged from \$350 to \$25,000. The WSDA alleged Double H, LP and a farm owner improperly disposed of pesticide and pesticide containers. Double H, LP and the grower agreed to pay \$25,000, but did not admit fault. A pilot for Applebee Aviation Inc. of Banks, Oregon, was fined \$450 and his license was suspended for 7 days. In June 2010 while making a herbicide application by helicopter to a forestry site in Clallam County, the pilot sprayed the wrong clear-cut and heavily damaged a 2-year old western hemlock plantation. After an inspection in May 2010 at the Pests-Or-Us facilities in Wenatchee, the WSDA alleged its owner was storing highly toxic pesticides in a manner that endangered the public. They also found the owner was not keeping adequate records of applications. The matter was resolved when he agreed to pay \$1,800, and accept a 25-day license suspension. In another incident involving the owner, he was fined \$1,300 and his license was suspended for 20 days. Roadside applications made by Pests-Or-Us in April 2010 damaged trees along the roadside.  
Source: <http://agr.wa.gov/News/2011/11-19.aspx>
8. *July 19, New York Times* – (National) **DuPont is sued over new herbicide.** A Pennsylvania homeowner and an Indiana golf course company filed a class-action lawsuit against DuPont charging the chemical giant was negligent or reckless in putting a new weedkiller on the market. The suit, filed July 18 in U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware, asserts the herbicide, Imprelis, is killing trees, shrubs, and ornamental plants across the country. A similar lawsuit was filed July 15 against DuPont by a golf club in Michigan that has reported thousands of dead trees. Imprelis won conditional approval from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) last October, and was marketed by DuPont as a “low environmental impact” herbicide for use on lawns, golf courses, sod farms, schools, parks, and athletic fields. Many landscapers said thousands of trees have been dying in areas in close proximity to grass sprayed with the herbicide. Most at risk are willows, poplars, and conifers, which have shallow root systems. In a July 19 statement, DuPont said: “We are working with our customers to investigate reports of unfavorable symptoms.” Yet it added, it is confident the “class action lawsuit is unfounded, and we will oppose it vigorously.” The suit seeks compensation for all property damage suffered as a result of applications of Imprelis, an injunction barring DuPont from selling the product, and unspecified punitive damages. The complaint asserts DuPont provided consumers with inadequate warnings, cautioning users against direct application of the product to some plants, but

refraining from suggesting that the chemical had the potential to migrate through the soil and come into contact with root systems. The EPA said it is investigating the reports of tree deaths.

Source: <http://green.blogs.nytimes.com/2011/07/19/dupont-is-sued-over-new-herbicide/>

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## **Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector**

9. *July 19, Reuters* – (North Carolina) **GE unit halts nuclear fuel output over alarm hitch.** General Electric Co's nuclear fuel unit Global Nuclear Fuels (GNF) has suspended manufacturing since July 14 at its North Carolina facility after warning horns failed to operate properly during a safety system test, GNF reported to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). The report posted on the commission Web site explained that the alarm system at the facility north of Wilmington failed to immediately activate the horns as designed during the test. GNF said the problem was a hardware failure, specifically a capacitor on a circuit board, and the system had been repaired. All production activities were shut down and personnel were being kept away from the manufacturing area, the company said. In its report to the NRC, the company said it had determined that problems with the warning system had existed at the time of previous tests in May and June, but at the time they were "not adequately identified and thus not reported".  
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/07/19/nuclear-ge-idUSN1E76I0JA20110719>
10. *July 19, WRCB 3 Chattanooga* – (Tennessee) **Report shows safety concerns at TVA's Watts Bar Nuclear plant.** A post-Fukushima evaluation of the Tennessee Valley Authority's (TVA) Watts Bar nuclear plant near Spring City, Tennessee, by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) reveals many safety issues, WRCB 3 Chattanooga reported July 19. The NRC inspector said many of the Site Emergency Directors were not qualified as decision makers in the event of a major accident. He noted that 8 of the 33 emergency responders for a severe incident either did not have training, or had allowed their Severe Accident Management training to expire. The inspector also found diesel generators could not "be connected to required boards in an efficient manner." The NRC also suggested when the the back-up generator is built for Watts Bar Unit 2, it should be moved away from the Unit 1 generator because of "flooding events that would render [Unit 1's] mobile diesel generator not usable due to its current location below Max Flood Elevation." But the greatest concern for the inspector in the case of a blackout was Watts Bar plan to use one power plant to power the other. He said: "This supply was currently not available due to design changes and modifications." Among the items the NRC wanted to examine was the plant's ability to deal with more than one event at a time. A concern is if the plant were hit with a one-two punch, all of the firefighting equipment is stored in a building that is not earthquake-proof. One way the plant could find itself in a Fukushima-like flooding event would be destruction of a

nearby dam in an earthquake. The report found Watts Bar's contingency plans for having enough water on hand to cool the super-heated nuclear material were drawn up before the construction of the Watts Bar Dam in 1943.

Source: <http://www.wrcbtv.com/story/15108072/report-shows-safety-concerns-at-tvas-watts-bar-nuclear-plant>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

11. *July 20, U.S. Department of Transportation* – (National) **NHTSA recall notice - Ford F-250, F-350, F-450, F-550, Excursion, and Ranger.** Ford is recalling 26,715 certain model year 2011 Ranger trucks built from January 25, 2011 through April 25, 2011 at the Twin Cities Assembly Plant, and service parts distributed to dealers for certain 2004 through 2011 model year Ranger trucks, 2002 through 2005 model year Excursion vehicles, and 2002 through 2007 model year F-250, F-350, F-450, and F-550 trucks. The multi-function switch was shipped with a subcomponent (slider) that may experience deformation. A multi-function switch with a deformed slider may malfunction causing the turn signal, tail lights, hazard warning signal flashers, and/or brake lights not to activate. Non-functioning lights could increase the risk of a crash. Dealers will replace the switches free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin on or about August 15, 2011.

Source: [http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems/recalls/recallsummary.cfm?rcl\\_campaign\\_id=11V352000&prod\\_id=1223768&moduletype=VEHICLE&make=FORD&model=RANGER&veh\\_model\\_year=2011&searchtype=DrillDown](http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems/recalls/recallsummary.cfm?rcl_campaign_id=11V352000&prod_id=1223768&moduletype=VEHICLE&make=FORD&model=RANGER&veh_model_year=2011&searchtype=DrillDown)

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

12. *July 20, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Problem-plagued Navy amphibious ship San Antonio has engine issues again, training halted.** The U.S. Navy's problem-plagued amphibious ship San Antonio is undergoing engine repairs again. The Navy said July 19 that it called off crew training off the coast of Virginia the week of July 11 after all four of the San Antonio's diesel engines experienced problems. A Naval Surface Force Atlantic spokesman told the Virginian-Pilot that all four engines experienced leaks with the intercoolers, and the leak-off boxes. One engine had to be shut down. Repairs, which will be done at Norfolk Naval Station, are expected to be completed in time for a pre-deployment training in August. During the Norfolk-based ship's first deployment in 2008, it had to stop in Bahrain for emergency repairs because of engine problems. The latest problems occurred less than 2 months after the ship underwent sea trials and was deemed ready for duty again. In April, the Navy terminated a maintenance contract with a Portsmouth company for work on the San Antonio class ships.

Source:

<http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/view/story/04c721b5d53948d2b13e4456a9766533/VA--Ship-Woes/>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

13. *July 19, Reuters* – (National) **NYC jury convicts ex-CEO in \$110 million fraud.** A Manhattan, New York jury convicted a former Industrial Enterprises of America Inc. chief executive July 19 of stealing more than \$110 million from the chemicals company and its investors, prosecutors said. The 47-year-old was convicted on 30 felony counts, including grand larceny, scheming to defraud, conspiracy falsifying business records, and violating the Martin Act, a state law used to combat securities fraud. The man's predecessor as chief executive pleaded guilty in January to four felony counts over the same scheme. He testified against his successor in the 6-week trial before the New York State Supreme Court. According to prosecutors, the man ran a "pump-and-dump" scheme from 2004 to 2008 in which he fraudulently issued 43 million Industrial Enterprises shares totaling more than \$90 million, and used the proceeds to inflate the Pennsylvania-based company's balance sheet. They said the Cleveland, Ohio resident then sold his stock at inflated prices to bankroll a lavish lifestyle. The former chief executive retired in 2007, and the 47-year-old succeeded him for a short time in 2008, having also served as chief financial officer and general counsel, prosecutors said. Industrial Enterprises filed for bankruptcy protection in May 2009. The former chief executive testified he and his successor created bogus minutes of board meetings that never took place, and tried to conceal the fraud by falsifying documents of consulting services that were never provided.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/07/19/us-industrialenterprises-ceo-conviction-idUSTRE76I7CT20110719>

14. *July 19, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **'Paw Paw bandit' sought in Metairie, Kenner bank robberies.** Robbery investigators were trying to identify a heavy-set man about 60-years-old who knocked off four banks in Metairie and Kenner, Louisiana, in the past 6 weeks. In each case a man now dubbed the "Paw Paw bandit" for his apparent age handed a robbery note to a teller and made off with an undisclosed amount of cash, the FBI said July 19. He wore a different ball cap each time. The robberies occurred: June 10 at a Whitney Bank, 2609 Veterans Memorial Boulevard, Kenner; June 24 at a Capital One, 1501 Veterans Memorial Boulevard, Metairie; July 8 at a Whitney Bank, 3060 N. Causeway Boulevard, Metairie; and July 16 at a Capital One, 2200 N. Causeway, Metairie. The first three robberies happened on Fridays in late afternoon, and in each, the man wore sunglasses and implied he had a weapon. The fourth robbery occurred July 16 about 11 a.m., and the robber did not imply a weapon. The Metropolitan Orleans Bank Security Association and the FBI are offering a reward of as much as \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and indictment of this robber.

Source:

[http://www.nola.com/crime/index.ssf/2011/07/same\\_man\\_suspected\\_of\\_robbing.html](http://www.nola.com/crime/index.ssf/2011/07/same_man_suspected_of_robbing.html)

15. *July 19, FBI* – (Connecticut) **Connecticut man admits obtaining \$4.7 million in fraudulent mortgages on 21 homes in New Haven County.** The U.S. Attorney for the District of Connecticut, announced that a 56-year-old of East Haven, Connecticut man waived his right to indictment and pleaded guilty July 19 in Hartford to one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud stemming from his participation in a mortgage fraud scheme in New Haven County. According to court documents and statements made in court, the man owned and operated ATZ Realty. From June 2006 to October 2007, he conspired with a former employee to purchase 11 properties in New Haven County in her name. As part of the conspiracy, the pair made false statements to various mortgage lenders, including statements about the former worker's income, assets, liabilities, employment, and intention to occupy the home as a primary residence. Through this scheme, the man obtained more than \$2.7 million in fraudulent mortgages. In pleading guilty, he also admitted that he committed mortgage fraud with respect to another 10 properties in the greater New Haven area from March 2005 to November 2006. By making, or causing to be made, materially false statements to various mortgage lenders, he obtained 11 fraudulent mortgages totaling more than \$2 million to purchase the 10 properties in another individual's name, but for his own benefit. In total, he obtained, or helped to obtain, 22 fraudulent mortgages totaling about \$4.8 million to purchase 21 properties in New Haven County. All 21 properties have been foreclosed upon or are in default, causing losses of more than \$1 million to the lenders. He faces a maximum term of imprisonment of 5 years.

Source: <http://www.loansafe.org/connecticut-man-admits-obtaining-4-7-million-in-fraudulent-mortgages-on-21-homes-in-new-haven-county>

16. *July 19, Bergen County Record* – (National) **Lodi man faces prison time in \$40.8-million fake loan scheme.** A Lodi, New Jersey man pleaded guilty July 19 to charges in a mortgage fraud scheme that netted \$40.8 million in falsely obtained home loans, authorities said. The 33-year-old man created fake W-2 forms, fake income tax returns, and fake investment returns to help “straw” buyers get approved for a number of loans for homes in Wildwood Crest, Georgia, South Carolina, and elsewhere, said a spokeswoman for the U.S. attorney's office. Much of the proceeds from those loans were then distributed to the man — said by authorities to have made \$2.8 million — and a number of other co-conspirators, who include many of the “straw” buyers, prosecutors said. The scheme, which ran from September 2006 to September 2008, entrapped a number of prominent banks, including Wells Fargo, Wachovia, and Chase, which were defrauded of millions of dollars on the properties, prosecutors said. At least 17 other conspirators were involved in the scheme. The man's role, prosecutors said, was to locate properties for potential purchase and line up straw buyers to apply for the mortgages. Buyers were told that in exchange for the use of their names and credit scores, they would receive an upfront payment after the mortgage was approved. Any closing costs, monthly mortgage payments, and other expenses were then assumed by the man and others, according to the court papers. He pleaded guilty to one count each of conspiracy to commit wire fraud, and conspiracy to commit money laundering. He faces up to 30 years in prison and a \$1 million fine for the wire fraud charge, and up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for the money laundering charge. As part of a plea deal that he struck with prosecutors, he also must repay the \$2.8 million prosecutors said was his personal profit from the scheme.



Source: [http://www.northjersey.com/news/Lodi\\_man\\_faces\\_prison\\_time\\_in\\_408-million\\_fake\\_loan\\_scheme.html](http://www.northjersey.com/news/Lodi_man_faces_prison_time_in_408-million_fake_loan_scheme.html)

17. *July 19, Computerworld* – (National) **Anonymous' arrests tied to PayPal DDoS attacks, FBI says.** The FBI said July 19 it arrested 14 people thought to belong to the hacking group known as Anonymous for alleged participation in a series of distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks against PayPal in 2010 in retaliation for its perceived opposition to WikiLeaks. The defendants were arrested on no-bail arrest warrants in a series of raids in Alabama, California, Colorado, Washington D.C., Massachusetts, and five other states. All were charged in an indictment unsealed in federal court in San Jose, California, July 19. Two other individuals were arrested on related cybercrime charges. One was arrested in Florida on charges he illegally accessed files from a Tampa Bay InfraGard Web site in 2010, and then publicly posted information telling others how to break into the site. The other indictment unsealed in federal court in New Jersey charged a man from Las Cruces, New Mexico, with allegedly stealing roughly about 1,000 documents, applications and files with protected business information from an AT&T server in June 2011, and posting them on a public file-hosting site. The attacks, dubbed "Operation Avenge Assange," were coordinated by Anonymous using an open-source tool called Low Orbit Ion Cannon the group made available for public download. The 14 individuals named in the indictment have each been charged with conspiring to cause damage to a protected computer, and intentionally causing damage to a protected computer. The conspiracy charge carries a maximum of 5 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine, while the intentional damage charge carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a \$500,000 charge.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9218528/Anonymous\\_arrests\\_tied\\_to\\_PayPal\\_DDoS\\_attacks\\_FBI\\_says](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9218528/Anonymous_arrests_tied_to_PayPal_DDoS_attacks_FBI_says)

18. *July 15, Security News Daily* – (National) **Fake banking E-mail targets your wallet, computer.** A new spin on an old cybercrime ploy is using a devious fake warning about users' bank account information to trick them into opening their wallets. Scam e-mails are spreading on the Web claiming to contain an important financial statement, researchers at the security firm BitDefender reported July 15. The supposed important data is located in what looks to be a Microsoft Word attachment called "Financial\_Statement(dot)exe," BitDefender said. (Similar scams use a "Postal\_document(dot)exe" attachment.) However, the financial statement attachment has no sensitive information; instead, it has a Trojan that copies itself onto the user's system. In this case, the rogue attachments attempt to trick users into purchasing anti-virus software they don't need. "The application floods the screen with lots of warning pop-ups to scare the user into buying a useless disinfection tool," BitDefender wrote. The offending Trojan also shuts down programs and informs victims that the programs are infected with a virus. BitDefender warns users to never open suspicious e-mail attachments, especially if they come from a bank, as banks will never send unsolicited e-mails about financial data.

Source: <http://www.securitynewsdaily.com/fake-banking-email-targets-your-wallet-computer-0964/>

## **Transportation Sector**

19. *July 20, Aspen Daily News* – (Colorado) **Storm leaves airport flooded, Rio Grande muddied.** Severe thunderstorms in Colorado flooded the Aspen/Pitkin County Airport’s terminal July 18 and let loose a deep slide of shale and mud across the Rio Grande Trail. Three flights into Aspen were canceled July 18 by order of the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) because of flood water flowing through the airport’s security area. Airport staffers mopped up 3 to 5 inches of water from the waiting area overnight, and returned to regular operations July 19. The airport director said the torrential rains caused a more severe version of a somewhat standard problem for the terminal. “This unfortunately happens to us twice or so a year,” he said. The terminal is at a slightly depressed elevation that leads water to flow into it from the runway during flash flooding. The problem is one of several issues addressed by a theoretical airport terminal overhaul, which is currently in a master planning stage. Due to recent heavy rains, the director said, the ground surrounding the airport is saturated and he expects to take on more water if the rain continues.  
Source: <http://www.aspendailynews.com/section/home/148092>
20. *July 20, Associated Press* – (Illinois; International) **Man accused of in-flight disturbance indicted.** A college student accused of disrupting a United Airlines flight headed from Chicago to Germany has been indicted in federal court in Cleveland. The 21-year-old suspect from Akron, Ohio, is accused of refusing to sit down or turn off an electronic device, and shoving a United Airlines flight attendant. He was indicted July 19 on one count of interfering with a flight crew member or attendant. Documents from investigators said the July 8 disruption forced a pilot to make an emergency landing in Cleveland, and that the suspect had to be restrained on the floor. His attorney has said the man is a well-liked University of Akron scholarship student.  
Source: <http://www.seattlepi.com/news/article/Man-accused-of-in-flight-disturbance-indicted-1472897.php>
21. *July 20, Charlotte Observer* – (North Carolina) **Storms strand hundreds at airport overnight.** Bad weather up the East Coast caused several hundred passengers to spend the night of July 19 into July 20 sleeping at Charlotte/Douglas International Airport in Charlotte, North Carolina, but operations returned to normal quickly July 20. Severe thunderstorms in the New York City, Washington D.C., Philadelphia, and Baltimore areas caused many flights to be canceled. A spokeswoman for US Airways, said one other flight was canceled due to mechanical problems. With calm weather returning July 20, US Airways and other carriers quickly resumed a normal schedule. All flights in the first 60 minutes left on time, according to Federal Aviation Administration information.  
Source: <http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2011/07/20/2468062/storms-strand-hundreds-at-airport.html>
22. *July 20, Greate Falls Tribune* – (Montana) **Three engines, 13 railcars derail near Great Falls.** One person sustained what were thought to be minor injuries when three

BNSF Railway Co. engines and 13 cars derailed at about 8:45 p.m. July 19, when the freight train struck a parked maintenance train along Gerber Road southeast of Great Falls, Montana. The Sand Coulee assistant fire chief said one of the train's engineers sustained "a bump on the head" and was transported to the hospital. He was expected to be OK. He also said his department had some information on the cause of the derailment, but it was up to BNSF to release it. "Something happened that caused the engineers to feel like they needed to lock up their brakes," he said. "They put it to the floorboards and curled it (the train) up in a ball," he said, flanked by the derailed engines and cars, including several that were on their sides and spilling gray powder. A BNSF spokesman said the train, which consisted of 110 cars en route from Laurel to Shelby, entered into a side rail line by grain bins along Gerber Road. After the engineers on the freight train applied the brakes, it collided with a stationary maintenance train, causing the derailment. Authorities closed the intersection of Stockett Road and U.S. Highway 87/89 because the train's still-upright cars blocked Stockett Road. Gerber Road also was closed to allow crews to respond, assess the situation and eventually clean up the derailment. The Sand Coulee assistant fire chief said the roads could be closed for a while. Of the 13 derailed cars, 11 were carrying cement and two were carrying gravel. The BNSF spokesman said the clean-up would take place throughout the rest of the week. He said the rail line next to Gerber Road handles about five trains daily. The restoration plan called for 35 BNSF personnel to work overnight into July 20 to fix the main line and the side track, and clean up the derailment, to try to reopen the line as quickly as possible. The spokesman said some trains would be rerouted until the line is back in service.

Source:

<http://www.greatfalls Tribune.com/article/20110720/NEWS01/107200301/Three-engines-13-railcars-derail-near-Great-Falls?odyssey=nav/head>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

23. *July 19, Portland Oregonian* – (Oregon) **Eastern Oregon authorities investigating post office break-ins.** Police in Eastern Oregon are investigating U.S. Post Office break-ins in at least five rural towns. The Malheur County sheriff said locked postal boxes were broken into in post offices in Vale, Nyssa, and Jamieson in his county; Prairie City in Grant County; and in the Baker County town of Haines, the weekend of July 16 and 17. "It is believed they were looking for credit cards and checks, those kinds of things that they could get something out of," he said. The thief or thieves used a pry bar, and are believed to have gone through some rural roadside mailboxes, he said. The U.S. Postal Service has offered a \$10,000 reward for information leading the apprehension and conviction of the thieves.

Source: <http://www.oregonlive.com/pacific-northwest-news/index.ssf/2011/07/eastern-oregon-authorities-investigating-post-office-break-ins.html>

## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

24. *July 20, HazardEx* – (Alabama) **OSHA cites chicken feed producer for combustible dust hazards; nearly \$86,000 fine total proposed.** Pilgrim's Pride Corp. in Enterprise, Alabama, was cited for six safety violations by the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) after a March 2011 inspection. The firm was hit with \$85,800 in penalties. Pilgrim received repeat violations and fines of \$77,000 for excessive accumulation of grain dust. Specifically, it was charged for not following or maintaining a housekeeping program, and for allowing electrical components such as motors, outlets, drop lights, and controller equipment to be subject to the accumulation of combustible dust. The company was cited for both of these violations in August 2009 at its Gainesville, Georgia facility. OSHA's area director in Mobile said, "Pilgrim's Pride continues to allow combustible dust to accumulate on motors and electrical equipment, causing the potential for a fire or explosion, OSHA will not tolerate this type of irresponsibility when it comes to protecting workers." The company produces chicken feed at its Enterprise facility.

Source: <http://www.hazardexonthenet.net/article/43615/OSHA-cites-chicken-feed-producer-for-combustible-dust-hazards--nearly--86-000-fine-total-proposed.aspx?AreaID=2>

25. *July 19, Roseville Press-Tribune* – (California) **Roseville Costco evacuated due to Freon leak.** The Costco in Roseville, California, was evacuated for a short time July 19 as the store dealt with a Freon leak from its cooling system. Store officials did not call 911 to report the incident. The Roseville Fire Department (RFD) did not find out about the evacuation until it received a call from a local news network, according to a RFD assistant chief. This is the second time in less than a month that the department has responded to the Roseville Costco because of a Freon leak, he said. The department received the call at 3:36 p.m., and arrived at the store 4 minutes later to find it had already been reoccupied. The assistant chief said that anytime a building that serves food is evacuated, the Placer County Health Department must give special permission to reoccupy the building and certify that the food is safe for human consumption. The RFD sent a hazardous materials prevention officer to the facility to determine if it was an accidental omission, or a deliberate act. The department responded June 22 to the same location after a Freon leak forced the evacuation of the store. That incident, which turned out to be a leak from a pressure release valve, occurred shortly after the company had just completed work on the refrigerant system.

Source:

[http://rosevillept.com/detail/183634.html?content\\_source=&category\\_id=2&search\\_filter=&user\\_id=&event\\_mode=&event\\_ts\\_from=&event\\_ts\\_to=&list\\_type=&order\\_by=&order\\_sort=&content\\_class=1&sub\\_type=&town\\_id=](http://rosevillept.com/detail/183634.html?content_source=&category_id=2&search_filter=&user_id=&event_mode=&event_ts_from=&event_ts_to=&list_type=&order_by=&order_sort=&content_class=1&sub_type=&town_id=)

26. *July 19, eNews Park Forest* – (National) **USDA study finds higher rates of herbicide volatilization than expected.** According to a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) study published in the Journal of Environmental Quality, the volatilization of atrazine and metolachlor, two herbicides known to contaminate surface and ground water,

consistently results in herbicide movement off the target site that exceeds nontarget field runoff, varying widely depending upon weather conditions. Linked to endocrine disruption, cancer, developmental effects, and more, increased levels of these hazardous pesticides in the air is cause for concern. When averaged over the two herbicides, loss by volatilization is about 25 times larger than movement from surface runoff, despite low vapor pressures. An Agricultural Research Service (ARS) soil scientist and ARS micrometeorologist led the investigation, which looks at the field dynamics of these two herbicides commonly used in corn production. Prior to this field study, many experts believed that volatilization was not a contributing factor to water contamination because atrazine and metolachlor had a low vapor pressure.

Source: <http://www.enevspf.com/latest-news/science-a-environmental/25511-usda-study-finds-higher-rates-of-herbicide-volatilization-than-expected.html>

27. *July 19, Associated Press* – (Georgia; Alabama) **Georgia company recalls chicken products.** Flying Food Group LLC, of Lawrenceville, Georgia, recalled some ready-to-eat chicken products over concerns about possible *Listeria* contamination. U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) officials said the company is recalling about 204 pounds of ready-to-eat chicken wraps and plates that may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. Products subject to recall are 8.4-ounce packages of "Starbucks Chipotle Chicken Wraps Bistro Box" and 6.3-ounce packages of "Starbucks Chicken & Hummus Bistro Box." The products have an "Enjoy by 071511" date on the bottom left corner of the package, and bear the establishment number "P-34373" inside the USDA mark of inspection. The products were produced July 13 and distributed to coffee shops in Georgia and Alabama.

Source: <http://www.canadianbusiness.com/article/34831--georgia-company-recalls-chicken-products>

28. *July 19, Jackson Clarion-Ledger* – (Mississippi) **Crop damage may top \$440M.** Historic flooding has caused nearly a half-billion dollars in crop damage in Mississippi, and that number could increase. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects \$444.4 million dollars in crop damage, along with another \$8.3 million in damage to buildings used for agricultural purposes. The floods affected about 450,000 crop acres, along the Mississippi and Yazoo rivers and waterways feeding into them, the Corps estimates. Since soybeans typically do not come to harvest until late August into September, farmers can replant that crop and perhaps get at least a decent yield, said the director of the Warren County office of the Mississippi State University Extension Service. But if the replanted soybeans are going to succeed, they will need more rain. According to the National Weather Service, some areas of the state along the Mississippi were 3 to 4 inches below normal for rainfall in June. The Mississippi has dropped below flood stage, but still has not fallen back to normal levels for this time of year. A U.S. Department of Agriculture spokesman said early estimates predicted 1 million acres of riverfront farmland in Mississippi could be impacted by the floods, but the number was lowered because levees held along the river. The extension director in Sharkey and Issaquena counties said less than 10 percent of those counties' acreage was underwater during the floods, which he credits to levees remaining intact, and a lack of rainfall as the Mississippi rose.

Source: <http://www.clarionledger.com/article/20110720/BIZ/107200321/Crop-damage-may-top-440M?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|Home|p>

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## Water Sector

29. *July 19, Albuquerque Journal* – (New Mexico) **Ash from Las Conchas fire contaminates runoff water.** The Buckman Direct Diversion Project (BDD), which takes water from the Rio Grande in New Mexico and treats it for Santa Fe, New Mexico residents' use, was shut down over the weekend of July 16 and 17 because a large amount of ash from fire-damaged Santa Clara Canyon was detected in the water, according to the BDD Facility Manager. It did not contain any material from the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), he added. There is concern that, in the wake of the Las Conchas Fire, storms could create runoff through the canyons around Los Alamos that would pick up radioactive contamination from lab waste left there over recent decades. Water can flow from Los Alamos through canyons into the Rio Grande, where it is sucked into the Buckman plant. Three gauges between LANL and the river can notify an operator at the plant of floodwater. That operator can shut off the plant's water intake and also have samples taken from running water for future analysis.  
Source: <http://www.abqjournal.com/main/2011/07/19/abqnewsseeker/ash-from-las-conchas-fire-contaminates-runoff-water.html>
30. *July 19, Telluride Daily Planet* – (National) **Mudslide closes 145; storms hinder water plant.** Summer storms in Box Canyon, Colorado shut down roads and knocked out the water treatment facility July 18 and 19. A massive mudslide closed down Highway 145 just west of Telluride for 8 hours the night of July 18 into the morning of July 19, and another closed the only road into Ophir. An apparent lightning strike knocked out the Mill Creek Water Treatment Plant July 18, shutting it down and putting the town on its backup system. "The plant is currently not operating and we are awaiting a new power supply which will be shipped overnight," the town manager wrote in a July 19 memo. "As we will be operating exclusively on our back up system (Stillwell) for the next couple days, it could be a challenge to meet water demand." The town is awaiting a new power supply for the plant, and is encouraging water users to make due with less.  
Source:  
<http://www.telluridenews.com/articles/2011/07/19/news/doc4e262c6ada25b521708498.txt>
31. *July 19, Somerset Courier News* – (New Jersey) **Firm told to treat contaminated ground water.** Environmentalists said a media investigation of hazardous leaks in toxic chemical lagoons on the American Cyanamid Superfund site in Bridgewater, New Jersey led the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to force the owner to install a system to collect and treat contaminated water. Levels of carcinogenic benzene 20,000 times greater than regulatory standards were found in the Raritan River, the

EPA reported. As a result, Wyeth Holdings, a subsidiary of Pfizer, was forced to design and construct a system to prevent contaminated water from seeping into the river, as well as Cuckhold's Brook and Middle Brook, said an EPA spokesman. The river is a source of drinking water for millions of Central Jersey residents.

Source: <http://www.mycentraljersey.com/article/20110719/NJNEWS/307190042/Firm-told-to-treat-contaminated-ground-water>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

32. *July 19, Softpedia* – (South Carolina; International) **Stolen Spartanburg Regional computer contains 400k patient records.** Spartanburg Regional, a South Carolina healthcare system, recently notified 400,000 current and former patients that their personal information was compromised when one of the organization's computers was stolen. The theft occurred March 29, when a desktop computer was stolen from an employee's car overnight. The computer contained 400,000 patient records that included real names, addresses, dates of birth, and medical billing codes. Spartanburg did not mention if the computer was password protected or if the data was encrypted.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Stolen-Spartanburg-Regional-Computer-Contains-400k-Patient-Records-212378.shtml>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

33. *July 20, Associated Press* – (Idaho) **N. Idaho police evacuate courthouse parking lot to remove grenade found in vehicle.** A courthouse parking lot in Lewiston, Idaho was evacuated July 18 while authorities removed a grenade from a parked sport utility vehicle. Authorities said the vehicle belonged to a real estate agent, who found the explosive device while cleaning a Lewiston home for an open house and brought the World War II-era "pineapple" grenade to the police department for disposal. The police are housed in the same plaza as the Nez Perce County Courthouse, where the real estate agent left his vehicle parked while he went to tell authorities about the grenade he had found. Officers spotted the device on the console of the sport utility vehicle. The Lewiston Tribune reported the courthouse parking lot was evacuated while the grenade was removed and then sent to a police training range to be destroyed.

Source:

<http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/view/story/275c5835efa44cf1a871be5b7ea5cf13/ID--Grenade-Scare/>

34. *July 19, Federal Times* – (National) **Military installations to test power from hydrogen fuel cells.** The Defense Department will install 18 backup power systems operating on hydrogen fuel cells at eight military facilities as part of a joint project with the Energy Department (DoE). The \$6.6 million project will test how the fuel cells

operate in real world conditions, according to a DoE news release. "Projects like these fuel cells systems will help reduce fossil fuel use and improve energy reliability at military installations across the country," the Energy Secretary said in a July 19 speech at a U.S. Army and Air Force energy forum in Arlington, Virginia. The fuel cells are small in capacity: Combined, the 18 cells are capable of producing 200 kilowatts of electricity, or roughly enough energy to power 200 average homes. The National Renewable Energy Laboratory will collect performance data for the first 2 of the 5 years the cells will be in operation.

Source:

<http://www.federaltimes.com/article/20110719/FACILITIES04/107190306/1023/DEPARTMENTS01>

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## Emergency Services Sector

35. *July 20, Sacramento Bee* – (California) **Carbon monoxide prompts evacuation of fire personnel from department building.** The Sacramento, California, Fire Department evacuated its building at 5770 Freeport Boulevard around 11 a.m. July 19 after a routine generator test malfunctioned, the captain said. Dampers that were supposed to automatically close to prevent carbon monoxide exhaust from filling the building failed to shut, exposing employees on the second floor to the toxin. Sacramento Fire Station 5 responded to the department's call for a hazardous materials team, the captain said. The haz-mat squad ventilated the building and started allowing employees to re-enter about 40 minutes after the evacuation. Several employees demonstrated symptoms of exposure to elevated levels of carbon monoxide and were treated on site.  
Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2011/07/20/3781063/carbon-monoxide-prompts-evacuation.html>
36. *July 20, Nashua Telegraph* – (New Hampshire) **Chemical incident could change Merrimack fire response plans.** A July 16 chemical incident has left Merrimack, New Hampshire fire officials reconsidering response plans. On that day, Merrimack firefighters responded to the former BP gas station on Daniel Webster Highway, where the fire suppression system had activated, leaving the area covered in a powder substance. In accordance with existing protocols, firefighters washed the material, a dry chemical known as Monoammonium Phosphate, down a storm drain. No fire occurred, and department officials are investigating what caused the system to activate. But the incident caught the attention of a former selectman, who contacted town officials, fearing the chemicals could get into the local water system. For years, town protocol has dictated emergency responders flush the chemicals, which are similar to the material discharged in traditional fire extinguishers. Still, to ensure the department is using the most up-to-date cleaning methods, the chief issued an order July 19, putting a hold on the department's response plans, and instructing department personnel not to rinse the materials in future cases. Merrimack officials plan to work with the state department of environmental services to research best strategies for handling future



chemical releases. Meanwhile, firefighters will secure the affected area and deny entrance until the property owner has contacted a clean-up company to handle the materials.

Source: <http://www.nashuatelegraph.com/news/926523-196/chemical-incident-could-change-merrimack-fire-response.html>

37. *July 20, Orlando Sentinel* – (Florida) **UCF student arrested in national FBI roundup of cyberattack suspects.** The FBI arrested a University of Central Florida (UCF) student on a computer-hacking charge July 19, the same day agents across the country arrested more than a dozen others for their suspected roles in cyberattacks reportedly linked to the group Anonymous. The 21-year-old computer engineering major from North Fort Myers, was arrested at his dorm on the UCF campus about 11 a.m. FBI agents said the suspect hacked into the Tampa Bay InfraGard site June 21 and uploaded three files. InfraGard is an FBI program designed to establish an alliance among academia, private industry and the federal agency, where members exchange information.

Source: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/local/breakingnews/os-fbi-ucf-police-cyber-investigation20110719.0.5956658.story>

38. *July 20, U.S. Department of Transportation* – (National) **NHTSA recall notice - E-One Cyclone II, Tradition, and Typhoon firefighting vehicles.** E-One is recalling 80 certain model year 2010 and 2011 Typhoon, Cyclone II, and Tradition firefighting vehicles manufactured from January 1, 2010 through July 1, 2011 equipped with Trimark door latch mount bracket kits, part numbers 28141-01 and 28142-01. If the mounting fasteners are not at proper torque value, the outside door handle mount bracket may potentially rotate out of position. The door may not stay closed and could open without warning during a crash. Persons or objects could fall from the vehicle, possibly resulting in injury. E-One is working with Trimark and Trimark will notify vehicle owners using E-One letterhead. Repairs will be made by E-One service centers or by Trimark personnel as needed. Repairs will be performed free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin some time in July.

Source: [http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/results.cfm?rcl\\_id=11V357000&searchtype=quicksearch&summary=true&refurl=rss](http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/results.cfm?rcl_id=11V357000&searchtype=quicksearch&summary=true&refurl=rss)

39. *July 19, KTVX 4 Salt Lake City* – (Utah) **Man arrested for impersonating officer, kidnapping, sex abuse.** A 37 year-old man of Spanish Fork, Utah is in custody after authorities said he flashed police credentials to kidnap a Provo woman. On July 17, police said the suspect met his 42-year old victim at the Executive Inn in Provo. “He said he was a policeman,” said a cleaning lady at the inn. “He said he was secret police (undercover police).” The police captain said the victim saw the suspect produce police credentials, and wearing a Spanish Fork police uniform, a gun, and a Kevlar vest. On July 18, Lehi police arrested the suspect after receiving a call from a convenience store clerk. He is in the Utah County jail where he is booked in on felony charges of impersonating an officer, and forcible sex abuse.

Source: [http://www.abc4.com/content/news/top\\_stories/story/Man-arrested-for-impersonating-officer-kidnapping/eavxsTydf0S2yo05sTfijg.csp](http://www.abc4.com/content/news/top_stories/story/Man-arrested-for-impersonating-officer-kidnapping/eavxsTydf0S2yo05sTfijg.csp)

40. *July 19, KYTX 19 Tyler* – (Texas) **Century Link hopes to restore phone service tonight.** A large CenturyLink cable was cut July 19 in Troup, Texas, leaving residents unable to make 911 calls. A CenturyLink customer service representative said more than 700 people were without service as a result of the cut line. The representative said service was expected to be restored the night of July 19, though an expected time was not available. The Troup mayor said he did not know when the problem would be resolved, but residents could dial 911 from a cell phone. He said any "842" number should still work. A city council member in Bullard, Texas said the city has received reports that phone outages may be affecting people as far away as Jacksonville. He said phones were out all over the city, and emergency calls must be placed from cell phones. He also said the emergency back-up system apparently failed to take over after the line was cut.  
Source: <http://www.cbs19.tv/story/15110855/east-texas-phones-unable-to-make-911-calls>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

41. *July 20, H Security* – (International) **Oracle patch day closes 78 security holes.** Oracle released 78 security patches as part of its July Critical Patch Update. There are 13 fixes for the Oracle Database server, two of which could be remotely exploited by an attacker without authentication. Some of the most critical bugs fixed include holes in Oracle Secure Backup, JRockit, and the Sun SPARC server (Netra T3 and T3 Series). Each product contains vulnerabilities that have a Common Vulnerability Scoring System (CVSS) score of 10.0, the highest possible level of severity. Other vulnerabilities addressed by these updates include holes in, for example, Solaris, Oracle Fusion Middleware, and Oracle Enterprise Manager Grid Control. As several of the vulnerabilities allow an attacker to remotely exploit systems, Oracle recommends system administrators install the patches as soon as possible.  
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Oracle-patch-day-closes-78-security-holes-1282472.html>
42. *July 20, Softpedia* – (International) **DDoS bot hides as Java update.** Antivirus vendor BitDefender warned a piece of malware designed for DDoS is being distributed as a Java update. "...[I]nvestigation on the file revealed more than meets the eye: a carefully-crafted piece of malware that is extremely viral [...] and can be used as a powerful tool to initiate distributed denial-of-service attacks," a BitDefender security expert said. Besides being distributed from legitimate compromised sites, the piece of malware, which BitDefender detects as Backdoor.IRCBot.ADEQ, is capable of spreading itself through a variety of methods. These include copying itself to folders shared by default by certain P2P applications, infecting USB drives, copying itself to network shares, and sending itself via Windows Messenger or e-mail. The trojan is designed to uninstall other DDoS bots including Cerberus, Blackshades, Cybergate, or the Orgeneral DDoS Bot Cryptosuite which infect winlogon.exe, csrss.exe, and

services.exe. The botmasters can schedule the bot to launch DDoS attacks against particular URLs at particular times, for predefined intervals of times, and with a specific frequency of requests. Some experts think this capability suggests the bot's creators might be running a pay-for-DDoS or botnet-for-hire business.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/DDoS-Bot-Hides-as-Java-Update-212583.shtml>

43. *July 19, Computer Reseller News* – (International) **Another cloud outage strikes Microsoft BPOS, Exchange Online.** Microsoft Business Productivity Online Suite (BPOS) suffered another outage July 19, adding to its recent streak of cloud outages and issues. The outage put the BPOS Exchange Online e-mail services out of commission for an unknown number of customers for more than 2 hours.  
Source: <http://www.crn.com/news/cloud/231002122/another-cloud-outage-strikes-microsoft-bpos-exchange-online.htm?itc=refresh>
44. *July 19, threatpost* – (International) **Microsoft research team reports bugs in Facebook, Google Picasa.** Microsoft's Vulnerability Research team disclosed a vulnerability in Google's Picasa photo editing and sharing application, and a bug in Facebook that could lead to the compromise of a victim's account. The bug in Picasa could allow an attacker to gain complete control of a user's machine if he/she could entice the victim into downloading a malicious JPEG file. The vulnerability in Facebook involves a problem with the way the site implemented its protection against clickjacking attacks. An attacker could use the vulnerability to gain full access to a victim's account. Facebook has since fixed the problem.  
Source: [http://threatpost.com/en\\_us/blogs/microsoft-research-team-reports-bugs-facebook-google-picasa-071911](http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/microsoft-research-team-reports-bugs-facebook-google-picasa-071911)
45. *July 19, H Security* – (International) **Wireshark updates fix security vulnerabilities.** Wireshark developers announced the release of versions 1.6.1 and 1.4.8 of their open source, cross-platform network protocol analyzer. The developers said these maintenance and security updates address multiple vulnerabilities that could cause Wireshark to crash "by injecting a series of malformed packets onto the wire or by convincing someone to read a malformed packet trace file." These include problems related to the Lucent/Ascend file parser and the ANSI MAP dissector, both of which were susceptible to an infinite loop bug. Wireshark 1.4.0 to 1.4.7 and 1.6.0 are said to be affected. A number of bugs in both versions were also fixed.  
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Wireshark-updates-fix-security-vulnerabilities-1282109.html>

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### Internet Alert Dashboard

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

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

## **Communications Sector**

46. *July 20, Las Cruces Sun-News* – (National) **Local man allegedly stole, posted AT&T customer data.** A former Las Cruces, New Mexico call center employee was arrested July 19 by FBI agents for allegedly leaking confidential files that ended up in the hands of a computer hacking group, the Department of Justice and the FBI announced. While working as an AT&T customer support representative at Convergys in Las Cruces, he allegedly stole confidential business data stored on AT&T's servers and posted it on a public file sharing site, according to the complaint unsealed in the District of New Jersey, where AT&T is headquartered. On April 10, the 21-year-old allegedly downloaded thousands of documents, PowerPoint presentations, images, PDFs, applications, and other files that, on the same day, he allegedly posted on Fileape.com, a public file hosting site that promises user anonymity. AT&T's Chief Security Office Team in New Jersey discovered the breach April 16, and found the suspect had downloaded the material in question and accessed Fileape.com using an address on the company's internal network, according to court documents. He was terminated May 19. On June 25, the computer hacking group LulzSec publicized that they had obtained the confidential AT&T documents and made them publicly available on the Internet. Source: [http://www.lcsun-news.com/las\\_cruces-news/ci\\_18512221](http://www.lcsun-news.com/las_cruces-news/ci_18512221)
47. *July 19, Radio-info.com* – (North Carolina) **The FCC drops a \$25,000 fine on a North Carolina gospel station.** Wilson, North Carolina's WGTM-AM 590 was recently hit by the Federal Communications Commission with a fine totaling \$25,000, covering three major operational problems. The violations include the failure to maintain and make available for inspection the public file (\$10,000), failure to have a working Emergency Alert System (\$8,000), and failing to properly enclose the tower site (\$7,000). The owner of WGTM-AM, Spirit Broadcasting, claims they were in the process of moving the radio station at the time of the violations in 2010. Source: <http://www.radio-info.com/news/the-fcc-drops-a-25000-fine-on-a-north-carolina-gospel-station>
48. *July 18, WSAZ 3 Huntington/Charleston* – (West Virginia) **Seven arrested in connection with copper thefts in Southern W.Va.** Seven people were arrested in connection with stealing copper, disrupting telephone service, and causing hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of damage in Logan County, West Virginia, WSAZ 3 Huntington/Charleston reported July 18. The investigation stretches all the way back to last summer when thieves targeted phone lines in the Buffalo Creek area. The phone company hopes the arrests by West Virginia State Police will send a strong message because copper theft has plagued the entire state. Police said the ring was made up of seven people, all of whom pleaded guilty to many charges — including grand larceny, and transferring stolen property. Frontier Communications said it has made stopping such crime a top priority. While the suspects may have made just a few hundred dollars from the thefts, they're expected to pay more than \$200,000 in restitution to Frontier. Source: <http://www.wsaz.com/news/headlines/121631194.html>

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## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

49. *July 20, WTTG 5 District of Columbia* – (District of Columbia) **Fallen tree branch injures 5 in DC's Garfield Park.** Five people, including three children, were injured after being struck by a large tree branch in Washington, D.C. July 19. A fire department spokesman said a branch the size of a large tree fell around 1:45 p.m. on a group of people attending a Bible camp at Garfield Park in southeast Washington. He said the branch appeared to come from a large oak tree. He said an adult, a teenager, and three children were taken to the hospital. The two adults had head injuries that were serious and potentially life-threatening, while none of the injuries to the children was believed to be life-threatening. It was not windy when the branch fell. It is believed the tree is over 75 years old.  
Source: <http://www.myfoxdc.com/dpp/news/local/fallen-tree-branch-injures-5-in-dc-park-071911>
50. *July 19, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Sewage spill prompts closure of Inner Cabrillo Beach.** A sewage spill July 19 forced the closure of Inner Cabrillo Beach along San Pedro Bay, according to the Los Angeles County, California, Department of Public Health. The closure will remain in effect until 5 p.m. July 21, according a department statement. "We are asking people to avoid entering or swimming in the ocean in the area immediately surrounding the swim area at Inner Cabrillo Beach in San Pedro Bay," the county's public health chief, said in a statement. "Once we determine bacteria levels in the water have returned to normal, we will remove the beach advisory." The Los Angeles Port Police notified the department of the spill from a broken sewer line. The city's department of parks and recreation is repairing the line.  
Source: <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2011/07/sewage-spill-inner-cabrillo-beach.html>
51. *July 19, CNN* – (Texas) **Texas Rangers to raise rail heights in wake of deadly fan fall.** The Texas Rangers Major League Baseball team will raise the height of the rails at Rangers Ballpark in Arlington, Texas the team said July 19, after a 39-year-old fan fell to his death while trying to catch a ball. "Even though all current rail heights in Rangers Ballpark in Arlington currently exceed code, the Rangers intend to raise the height of all rails in front of seating areas to the highest standard in the United States at this time," the team said in a statement. As the rails are being refitted, the Rangers said they would take "interim" steps, such as posting new signs that will remind fans not to lean, sit on or stand against the rails. The team will also issue a warning prior to the start of each game via its public address system, the Rangers said. Another man fell at the stadium last year but survived. On July 6, 2010, a fan fell while trying to catch a foul ball. The man survived the 30-foot drop, but fractured his skull and injured his foot and ankle.  
Source:  
<http://www.cnn.com/2011/SPORT/07/19/texas.rangers.ballpark.safety/index.html>

52. *July 19, IDG News Service* – (Massachusetts) **Internet activist charged with hacking into MIT network.** The co-founder of online news site Reddit has been charged with computer intrusion, fraud, and data theft for allegedly stealing 4.8 million documents from an Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) network, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) said. In an indictment unsealed July 18, the man was charged in U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts with wire fraud, computer fraud, unlawfully obtaining information from a protected computer, and recklessly damaging a protected computer. If convicted, the man faces a possible 35 years in prison, and fines of up to \$1 million. Between September and January, the man allegedly contrived to break into a restricted computer wiring closet in an MIT basement and access MIT's network from a computer switch there, the DOJ said in a press release. The man, a fellow at Harvard University's Center for Ethics, targeted documents provided to MIT by Journal Storage (JSTOR), a nonprofit archive of scientific journals and academic work, the DOJ alleged. The man accessed the MIT network through the university's free guest network service, the indictment said. When MIT and JSTOR attempted to block access from the man's laptop, he changed the IP address and spoofed the computer's MAC address to get continued access, the indictment said. He registered for network access using a throwaway e-mail address, the DOJ said. On October 9, the two laptops downloaded so many documents from JSTOR that some of the organization's servers crashed, the indictment said. JSTOR has archived and digitized more than 1,000 academic journals, the DOJ said. The man intended to distribute the documents he stole on file-sharing networks, the indictment alleged.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9218519/Internet\\_activist\\_charged\\_with\\_hacking\\_into\\_MIT\\_network](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9218519/Internet_activist_charged_with_hacking_into_MIT_network)

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

53. *July 20, Seguin Gazette* – (Texas) **Firefighters continue fighting Sunday blaze.** Fire crews worked July 19 to contain a suspected arson fire in Texas that started July 17. The Guadalupe County fire marshal said Sand Hills and New Berlin Volunteer Fire Departments, and the Texas Forest Service (TFS) stopped the spread of the fire that has already charred 95 acres of land. As of around 1:30 p.m. July 19, the fire was 90 percent contained, and the crews were hoping to have it 100 percent by the end of the day. The TFS was assisting with ground and air support. "Forest services are here with a bulldozer, air support and an engine crew on the way," the fire marshal said. "The dozer is trying to knock down brush that is getting in the way. An airplane is circling the area to keep a lookout for where the fire may start back up again and to point out the additional pockets of fuel supply." Another crew was burning off any areas of vegetation that could supply fuel to the fire. The fire is in proximity to seven others that had been intentionally started in the Park Creek subdivision.

Source: [http://seguingazette.com/news/article\\_02b067fc-b25e-11e0-8f99-001cc4c03286.html](http://seguingazette.com/news/article_02b067fc-b25e-11e0-8f99-001cc4c03286.html)

54. *July 20, msnbc.com and Reuters* – (California) **Hikers reported swept over Yosemite falls.** Yosemite National Park rangers in California are searching the area around Vernal Falls after reports that one or more hikers may have been swept over the falls, a park spokeswoman said. "We received phone calls from visitors at the top of the waterfall reporting that one or multiple people went into the water," a park spokeswoman said. Officials at the park sent 30 rescue workers and rangers to search for the missing hiker or hikers, and closed a half-mile portion of the Mist Trail. According to NBC Fresno affiliate KSEE, witnesses said a man and woman climbed over the guardrail for a better view of the 320-foot waterfall. Vernal Falls are 1.5 miles from the Happy Isle Nature Center near Curry Village in Yosemite Valley. Because of the search, rangers closed the Mist Trail leading to the falls. The trail will be closed until noon July 20 and possibly longer, KSEE reported. Ten people have died in and around Vernal Falls over the past decade. Multiple warning signs in several different languages tell people not to go beyond the guardrail.  
Source: [http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/43815801/ns/us\\_news-life/?GT1=43001](http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/43815801/ns/us_news-life/?GT1=43001)
55. *July 20, Porterville Recorder* – (California) **Forest fire grows to 3,000 acres.** As of July 20, the Lion Fire burning in the Golden Trout Wilderness of Sequoia National Forest in California has grown to about 3,000 acres. As the fire grew over the past few days, smoke settled into the Kern River Drainage at night, along Highway 395, and into the San Joaquin Valley. Forest officials have met with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District and plan to work with them as they monitor the smoke impacts from the fire. Coordination with the Kern Valley and the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control Districts is also ongoing. Smokey conditions are likely to last over the next few months, though the impacts will vary depending upon what the current weather conditions are and how many acres have burned recently. Evidence indicates that fire has not occurred in the area of the Lion Fire for the last 90 years. The fire was ignited July 8 by lightning. Trail closures are in effect in and around the Lion Fire in the Golden Trout Wilderness. The fire is being monitored by 50 firefighters.  
Source: <http://www.recorderonline.com/news/fire-49463-forest-acres.html>
56. *July 19, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **3,500 marijuana plants found in Santa Monica Mountains.** Workers in California were cleaning up nearly 10 acres of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area after 3,500 marijuana plants were found in June, according to park officials. The pot patch, the 14th discovered on National Park Service land in the past 2 years, was found in the Zuma/Trancas Canyon by a ranger who spotted a plastic water hose in a creek. Rangers searching the area came across nine marijuana plots. Federal and state workers have been clearing the area for the past 2 weeks, hauling out herbicides, pesticides, rodent fencing, fertilizer, and 2 miles of plastic water hose. Water had been diverted from a nearby creek to irrigate the plants, and native vegetation had been cut down to make room for the plants. The remote land of the Santa Monica Mountains is a popular location for illicit marijuana operations. Los Angeles and Ventura County sheriff's deputies in 2010 confiscated 2,000 marijuana plants — worth \$130 million — in the Santa Monica Mountains.  
Source: <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/greenspace/2011/07/marijuana-santa-monica-mountains-.html>

57. *July 19, Reuters* – (Wyoming) **Woman, 3 daughters killed in Wyoming flash flood.** A 39-year-old Colorado Springs, Colorado woman and her three young daughters, ages 2, 5, and 8, were killed July 19 when their car was swept into a stream by flash floods in a national forest in south-central Wyoming, authorities said. The woman's 39-year-old husband survived after escaping the family's submerged van and scrambling to safety, and was treated at a local hospital, a Wyoming Highway Patrol sergeant said. The high water, which washed out a road in Medicine Bow National Forest, also swept away the Dodge Durango, being driven by Carbon County, Wyoming, emergency management officer, who was rescued and treated for minor injuries at a local hospital. The incidents happened after torrential rains late July 18 prompted evacuation of popular campgrounds in the forest after midnight July 19, the Carbon County undersheriff said. The emergency management officer was trying to alert campers to the danger when they drove into the washout, which hit a 25-foot stretch of highway that intersected a flood-swollen creek, authorities said. The hours-long storm July 18 brought more than 1 inch of rain per hour, according to the National Weather Service. About 32 miles of the highway, known as the Snowy Range Road, would be closed for repairs, state troopers said.  
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/07/20/us-wyoming-flood-idUSTRE76J02520110720>

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## **Dams Sector**

58. *July 20, Oilprice.com* – (International) **Burma, China ignoring environmental warnings for dam.** The controversial Myitsone dam in northern Burma, currently under construction by the China Power Investment Corporation, was the subject of a 2009 internal report by the company, which called for the project to be scrapped. The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report has been ignored, and work is proceeding on the project, the Democratic Voice of Burma Online reported. The EIA report stated that, "If the Burmese and Chinese sides were really concerned about environmental issues and aimed at sustainable development of the country, there is no need for such a big dam to be constructed at the confluence of the Irrawaddy River," urging instead for two smaller, but equally efficient, dams to be built above Myitsone. China has faced strong international criticism for its business links with Burma, whose ruling junta is subject to a number of international sanctions.  
Source: <http://oilprice.com/Latest-Energy-News/World-News/Burma-China-Ignoring-Environmental-Warnings-for-Dam.html>
59. *July 19, Summit Daily News* – (Colorado) **Summit County: Denver Water focused on filling reservoir.** Inflow to Dillon Reservoir in Summit County, Colorado dropped substantially since the week of July 11, and Denver Water has shifted focus to topping off the water storage area — which means cutting the outflow through the dam from about 1,600 cubic feet per second (cfs) to about 1,350 cfs. The reservoir level is 1.21 feet below the spillway. The inflow to the reservoir dropped to 1,446 cfs July 17, and the reservoir elevation dropped 0.09 feet. During the week of July 11, inflows reached 2,200 cfs, but dropped to just over 1,950 cfs by July 15. When the reservoir fills



completely, Denver Water will have to release as much water out of the reservoir as is flowing into it. The utility company kept outflows at just under 1,900 cfs — slightly more than the lower Blue River's 1,800 cfs capacity — last week in an attempt to avoid releasing heavier flows downstream when the reservoir fills.

Source:

<http://www.summitdaily.com/article/20110719/NEWS/110719776/1078&ParentProfile=1055>

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