



# Homeland Security

## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 22 July 2011

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- Wells Fargo & Co agreed to pay an \$85 million penalty to the Federal Reserve Board for steering borrowers into costly subprime mortgages, the largest fine the board's ever imposed in a consumer-enforcement case, Reuters reports. (See item [16](#))
- Charges have been filed against three workers for their involvement in the water contamination scare that caused a 3-day, town-wide ban against drinking water in Somerset, Massachusetts, according to the Fall River Herald News. (See item [32](#))

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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 21, Associated Press* – (National) **Blistering heat wave stressing nation's power grid.** A lengthy, blistering heat wave that is blanketing the eastern half of the United States is putting significant stress on the nation's power grid as homeowners and businesses crank up their air conditioners, the Associated Press reported July 20. Utilities said they are ready for high power demand, and that widespread electricity shortages or outages are unlikely. Lines and equipment are not fully taxed, and there is

more generating and transmission capacity available than usual because of the weak economy, utility officials said. Also, not many major storms are in the forecast, meaning fewer downed power lines. To meet demand, utilities are firing up special power plants used only a few days a year, delaying scheduled maintenance to keep all equipment on line, and testing heat-sensitive switches and other equipment with high-tech devices such as thermographers that can gauge temperatures to one-tenth of a degree. Problems can arise when the grid comes under maximum strain. Equipment cannot cool off, and it cannot handle as much power as usual. Lines, transformers, and switches are working at full capacity and can be overwhelmed by power surges that can result from a blown piece of equipment or downed power line. Peak summer demand can be nearly double the demand of a typical day in a mild month. The PJM Interconnection, which operates the transmission grid in parts of 13 mid-Atlantic states, hit a record peak demand of 146,082 megawatts July 19. That compares to a typical April peak load of 78,000 megawatts. Power generators have fleets of small power plants that can be turned on and off relatively easily to meet demand. They are inefficient and expensive, and therefore push the wholesale price of power sharply higher.

Source: <http://www.seattlepi.com/news/article/Blistering-heat-wave-stressing-nation-s-power-grid-1475770.php>

2. *July 20, American News* – (South Dakota) **Dust catches fire at ethanol plant.** Dust inside a separator caught fire July 20 at the Heartland Grain Fuels ethanol plant on the west side of Aberdeen, South Dakota. The call came in about 6:30 a.m. The fire stayed inside the duct work, a spokesman for the Aberdeen Rural Fire Department said. He said one firefighter suffered heat exhaustion. The firefighter was taken by ambulance to Avera St. Luke's Hospital but was back at the rural fire station when firefighters returned, the spokesman said. Aberdeen Fire and Rescue assisted the Aberdeen Rural Fire Department. The Warner Fire Department, the Brown County Sheriff's Office, Brown County Emergency Management, the Salvation Army, and Aberdeen Ambulance also responded. Firefighters were on the scene until about 2:30 p.m., the spokesman said. Heartland is owned by Advanced BioEnergy.  
Source: [http://articles.aberdeennews.com/2011-07-20/news/29797176\\_1\\_ethanol-plant-advanced-bioenergy-heartland-grain-fuels-ethanol](http://articles.aberdeennews.com/2011-07-20/news/29797176_1_ethanol-plant-advanced-bioenergy-heartland-grain-fuels-ethanol)
3. *July 20, Associated Press* – (Montana) **Ruptured Montana oil pipeline had earlier problem.** Federal inspectors found a problem in an oil pipeline a month before it ruptured in a Montana river, but it was not significant enough to force a shutdown, the government's top pipeline regulator said July 20. The administrator of the U.S. Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration told a Senate committee the problem in the Exxon Mobil pipeline was discovered in early June, nearly a month before the pipeline ruptured July 1, spilling an estimated 42,000 gallons of crude into the Yellowstone River. She declined to offer specifics about what she called an "anomaly", but said officials believed it was not significant enough to require repairs. It was not clear whether the problem detected in June had any role in the rupture. "Unfortunately, I don't think that our pipeline inspector thought he had the authority to shut down the pipeline," the administrator told a Senate Environment subcommittee. Agency officials said a review of pipeline records conducted in June revealed the half-inch thick steel

pipeline had about 20 percent external corrosion, based on inspections in 2004 and 2009. The review was part of a larger examination of pipeline records in response to high water flows throughout the Mountain West because of an unusually high spring snow melt.

Source: [http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2011/07/20/general-us-oil-spill-yellowstone-river\\_8575890.html](http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2011/07/20/general-us-oil-spill-yellowstone-river_8575890.html)

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

4. *July 21, Albany Times Union* – (New York) **Chemical makers back drilling rules.** The makers of petrochemicals used in natural gas hydrofracking back proposed new gas drilling rules offered in July by the New York Department of Environmental Conservation (NYDEC). Members of the American Chemical Council (ACC), which represents makers of hydrofracking chemicals sold to drilling companies, met with the governor to express support for NYDEC rules that would open much of the state's Southern Tier to drilling. The ACC's president said the proposed rules are adequate to protect air and water from pollution. He said while some hydrofracking chemicals are toxic and carcinogenic, public exposure is manageable, and that there are no known cases of the chemicals — which are injected deep underground a mile or more to fracture gas-bearing rock layers — reaching the surface to contaminate water or air. Part of the proposed rules would make New York the first state to require drilling companies to disclose the chemicals injected into wells. The industry supports that — as long as the state does not disclose "confidential business information," the ACC's president said. The NYDEC is expected to start a 60-day comment period on the rules in August. The ACC president said cases of contaminated drinking water occur when well bores are not properly sealed, allowing lighter-than-air methane gas to rise through fissures in rock and into drinking wells.  
Source: <http://www.timesunion.com/local/article/Chemical-makers-back-drilling-rules-1493347.php>
5. *July 20, WSPA 7 Spartanburg* – (South Carolina) **Owners of two old industrial sites under investigation for improperly storing dangerous chemicals.** Two former industrial sites in Anderson County, South Carolina, were under a criminal investigation after authorities said they may have been improperly storing hazardous chemicals for years, WSPA 7 Spartanburg reported July 20. There are two separate investigations. One is at the former American Screw and Rivet plant on Manse Jolly Road, and the other site is the old Flex-a-Form plant about a mile away from American Screw and Rivet off Interstate 85. Investigators said these facilities operated without permits for years. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) said clean-up at the two sites could cost taxpayers around \$2 million. At the Flex-A-Form site, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control documents show the owner told investigators, "We used to pour the chemicals out the door." Documents show, according to the former manager at American Screw and Rivet, the firm did not have

authorization to store or handle hazardous materials for at least 15 years. The EPA said they will try to get money from the property owners to clean-up these sites. Both sites could be in violation of the state pollution and hazardous waste management acts. The owners of the properties could be fined up to \$25,000 for each day of violating the law, and they could spend up to 2 years in prison, if charges are made, and if they are found guilty.

Source: <http://www2.wspa.com/news/2011/jul/20/upstate-companies-unders-investigation-improperly--ar-2165266/>

6. *July 20, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (National) **National chemical company will upgrade facilities and pay fine to settle clean air violations.** A national company that distributes ammonia has agreed to install and operate \$345,000 in ammonia leak detection systems at 14 facilities across the country to settle claims by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) it violated federal clean air regulations on chemical risk management at plants in Rhode Island and Michigan. Tanner Industries, based in Southhampton, Pennsylvania, also agreed to pay a \$56,700 penalty in the agreement announced July 20 by the EPA. The rules are meant to prevent chemical accidents. Tanner, which operates ammonia distribution facilities is subject to Clean Air Act (CAA) risk management planning requirements because ammonia is very hazardous. The EPA said Tanner's East Providence, Rhode Island facility is not staffed except when ammonia is being received or distributed. The EPA also alleged Tanner failed to coordinate adequate emergency response plans with local emergency response agencies. The new ammonia leak detectors Tanner agreed to install and operate will alert residents in surrounding communities of accidental releases. Alarm signals will also be sent to emergency response personnel. In agreements with two regional EPA offices, Tanner agreed to install and operate ammonia leak detection systems at facilities in Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Louisiana, Alabama, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, and West Virginia. The settlement also requires Tanner to pay a penalty of \$28,350 for violating the CAA at its Inkster, Michigan plant. The plant was only staffed at limited times and failed to coordinate adequate emergency response plans with local agencies. However, the biggest concern was the Rhode Island facility, the EPA said. That plant is about a tenth of a mile from a residential neighborhood, and even closer to area businesses. The EPA said that if an ammonia leak occurred when the facility was un-staffed, a cloud of ammonia gas could have reached surrounding populated areas before emergency responders or neighbors detected it.

Source: <http://www.manufacturing.net/News/Feeds/2011/07/mnet-mnet-industry-focus-environmental-national-chemical-company-will-upgrade-facilities-/>

7. *July 20, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality* – (Texas) **TCEQ approves \$171,178 in fines against TOTAL Petrochemicals.** The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality July 20 approved penalties totaling \$1,115,124 against 105 regulated entities for violations of state environmental regulations. Included in the total is a fine of \$171,178 against TOTAL Petrochemicals USA, Inc. in Jefferson County for air violations stemming from excess air emissions in 2009. Of the total, \$85,589 will be given to the Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission to operate, maintain, and

possibly expand the existing Southeast Texas Regional Air Monitoring Network.  
Source: <http://www.kiiitv.com/story/15118099/tceq-approves>

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

8. *July 21, Casper Star-Tribune* – (Wyoming) **Feds approve Wyoming uranium project.** Uranerz Energy Corp. has received federal approval for its Nichols Ranch uranium project in the southern Powder River Basin, Wyoming, the company announced July 20. The material license issued by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission allows Uranerz to construct a facility that will process 2 million pounds a year of uranium oxide at the Nichols Ranch site, as well as a satellite facility at the company's Hank property nearby. The project, which includes both in-situ recovery well sites and a processing facility for the extracted uranium, is a "very significant milestone" capping more than 4 years of work, said Uranerz's chief executive and president. The license is the final permit Uranerz needed to move forward with the project, which straddles the border of Johnson and Campbell counties. The company should complete the facility between July and October next year, Uranerz's president said. The project uses the in-situ recovery process, in which a sodium bicarbonate solution is flushed underground from a series of wells to dissolve the uranium, which is then pumped to the surface.  
Source: [http://trib.com/news/state-and-regional/article\\_d9a30b39-c763-524a-8137-c0dee4dc8bd9.html](http://trib.com/news/state-and-regional/article_d9a30b39-c763-524a-8137-c0dee4dc8bd9.html)
9. *July 21, Government Security News* – (New York; New Jersey) **Stolen radioactive testing device turns up in scrap metal haul.** A construction industry testing device stolen in New York that contained very low levels of radioactive material was discovered in a truckload of scrap metal at a Sayreville, New Jersey steel mill recently after it set off radiation alarms. The stolen device, according to a July 21 report on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) incident report Web site, was a moisture density gauge used by construction companies. The report said the device contained radioactive Cesium, Americium, and Beryllium, but in very low levels that were unlikely to do any harm, unless in prolonged contact with a human. Even then, it said, the radioactive materials were very unlikely to cause prolonged effects. The unshielded radiation sources in the device could temporarily injure someone who handled it or was otherwise in contact with it, or who was close to it for a period of many weeks, the NRC said. As of July 20, only the Cesium source from the device has been found. The Americium/Beryllium (Am-Be) source hasn't been located, according to the New York Department of Health.  
Source: [http://www.gsnmagazine.com/node/23980?c=cbrne\\_detection](http://www.gsnmagazine.com/node/23980?c=cbrne_detection)
10. *July 20, Salem Today's Sunbeam* – (New Jersey) **Nuclear Regulatory Commission grants 20-year license extension for Hope Creek reactor in Lower Alloways Creek Township.** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) July 20 approved a 20-

year license extension for the Hope Creek nuclear reactor in Lower Alloyways Creek Township, New Jersey. The action means the operating license is now valid through April 11, 2046. On June 30 the NRC granted 20-year license extensions to the Salem 1 and 2 reactors that are located in the same township at the Artificial Island generating complex operated by PSEG Nuclear. Salem 1 and 2 are now licensed through 2036 and 2040, respectively. Even though both the Salem and Hope Creek applications were submitted on the same day, the Hope Creek review took more time due to questions raised by the NRC's Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards. One of the key elements reviewed is how the utility will deal with the reactors as they age. Salem and Hope Creek are subject to an ongoing, rigorous program of oversight and inspection by the NRC, led by four full-time inspectors onsite, as well as supplemental inspectors from the NRC regional headquarters. The plants also have their own extensive programs in preventive and corrective maintenance, equipment testing and monitoring, and equipment replacement.

Source:

[http://www.nj.com/salem/index.ssf/2011/07/nuclear\\_regulatory\\_commission\\_5.html](http://www.nj.com/salem/index.ssf/2011/07/nuclear_regulatory_commission_5.html)

11. *July 20, Reuters* – (New York) **State water rule threatens nuclear reactors near NYC.** New York environmental regulators finalized rules to reduce cooling water intake by power plants and other industrial facilities to reduce fish kills by 90 percent. But this rule is about more than just fish and water. It could lead to the shutdown of the giant Indian Point power plant in Buchanan, New York and threaten the reliability of New York City's power supply. The state does not want to give Entergy Corp. a water permit for the 2,045-megawatt nuclear plant unless the New Orleans, Louisiana-based company spends up to \$2 billion to install a new water cooling system to protect fish in the Hudson River just 45 miles north of Manhattan. Without the state water permit, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission cannot relicense Indian Point's two reactors for another 20 years.

Source: <http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=state-water-rule-threatens>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

12. *July 20, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **Target recalls children's task lamps due to laceration and fire hazards.** The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with Target Corporation, July 20 announced a voluntary recall of Circo Children's Task Lamps. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. The recall involves approximately 13,000 lamps sold at Target stores nationwide. The lamps may overheat, causing the adhesive inside the lamp socket to melt and migrate into the bulb area of the socket. The cooled glue can adhere to the light bulb base and make the bulb difficult to remove which can result in a broken light bulb, posing a risk of laceration to consumers. Melted flammable glue that migrates onto the electrical components of the lamp poses a risk of fire. Target has received 6 reports of glue on the lamp socket melting and migrating into the bulb area of the socket. No injuries have been reported.

Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml11/11279.html>

13. *July 19, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Chrysler suspends workers caught drinking on TV.** Chrysler Group LLC said July 19 it has suspended nine workers without pay after a Detroit, Michigan television station aired footage of them allegedly drinking and smoking marijuana before their shifts at an area plant. WJBK 2 Detroit aired the story about the workers at the Trenton Engine Plant the week of July 11. The station said it was tipped off by other workers at the plant. The plant employs around 500 people who make V-6 engines for the Jeep Grand Cherokee, Dodge Grand Caravan, and other vehicles. Chrysler said it identified the workers using the station's video. All nine have been suspended without pay while the company investigates and determines what action should be taken. This is the second time in a year that the station has reported on Chrysler workers drinking and smoking before a shift. Last fall, the company fired two workers and gave two others unpaid, 1-month layoffs after the station took video of them drinking beer before the start of their shift at a Detroit assembly plant.  
Source: <http://news.yahoo.com/chrysler-suspends-workers-caught-drinking-tv-164130619.html>

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Nothing to report

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

14. *July 21, Detroit News* – (Michigan) **Pair arrested in Sterling Heights heist that netted bathtub full of cash.** An armored truck heist in Sterling Heights, Michigan, in July was an inside job and the alleged thieves pocketed \$315,000 that they spent on muscle cars and jewelry, with enough left over to fill a bathtub, according to court records. An armored truck employee, who investigators said was the heist's mastermind, was charged July 20 in U.S. district court in Detroit, a day after the arrest of the accused getaway driver. So far, investigators have recovered more than \$150,000. The men were arrested July 19 when agents found them sitting in the driver's seats of separate Dodge Chargers purchased with the bank loot. The FBI said a 21-year-old Highland Park man planned the heist. He worked as a driver for Total Armored Car Service. The armored vehicle was robbed July 8 near the Michigan Department of Treasury Building in the 41000 block of Dequindre. Police said a guard from the two-man security team went inside to make a pickup, and two men entered the rear of the vehicle and put a gun to the driver's head and forced him outside. No one was hurt. The mastermind of the robbery was hired May 3 as an armed truck driver, according to the company's vice president. An informant said the man bragged about the robbery by displaying a cellphone photo of a bathtub filled with cash. When he was arrested, agents found \$8,500 in his pocket, some of which was still bound with the bank's wrappers. Inside his apartment, investigators found about \$150,000 inside a safe hidden in a closet. The cash was still wrapped. Investigators also found a handgun, and 12-gauge shotgun.

Source: <http://www.detnews.com/article/20110721/METRO/107210393/Pair-arrested-in-Sterling-Heights-heist-that-netted-bathtub-full-of-cash>

15. *July 21, KSDK 5 St. Louis* – (Texas) **'Handsome guy bandit' hits sixth bank.** Police in north Texas are searching for a serial bank robber who's held up six banks in four cities in 4 months. Even with substantial video and pictures of the suspect, some of the best minds in law enforcement still have no clue who he is. They're calling him the "Handsome Guy Bandit". He's named for his disguise, the Handsome Guy mask, an \$800 special effects mask that looks, moves and feels like real skin. The torso part of the mask conceals his true size. He can change the look from business to casual, glasses to sunglasses. The disguise has worked at six banks. "Well it's certainly escalated the crime from where it was just a note passing before to now you know he is armed. He's obviously had success with it so more than likely he's going to continue with it," said a spokesman from the Richland, Texas Police Department.

Source: <http://www.ksdk.com/news/article/267968/28/Handsome-guy-bandit-hits-sixth-bank>

16. *July 20, Reuters* – (National) **Fed hits Wells Fargo with \$85 million mortgage penalty.** Wells Fargo & Co agreed July 20 to pay an \$85 million civil penalty to the Federal Reserve Board (Fed) for allegedly steering borrowers into costly subprime mortgages, the largest fine the Fed's ever imposed in a consumer-enforcement case. San Francisco-based Wells Fargo will also compensate borrowers in connection with sales practices at a Wells subsidiary, according to a cease and desist order issued by the Fed July 20. Those costs have a potential to reach \$200 million. Wells Fargo did not admit any wrongdoing in agreeing to the cease and desist order. It might have to pay between \$1,000 and \$20,000 in restitution to borrowers affected by the alleged faulty mortgage practices, the order said. The number of borrowers who may be compensated is between 3,700 and more than 10,000, meaning the potential exposure could reach \$200 million. The cease and desist order also addresses allegations Wells Fargo sales personnel falsified data to make it appear that borrowers qualified for loans, when they would not have qualified based on actual incomes. The company terminated the individuals involved, and closed its Wells Fargo Financial division in July 2010. Wells is also required to modify its compensation and performance management programs for sales personnel in mortgage lending, to make them consistent with the company's overall practices. Those performance incentives should encourage sales staff to fully implement anti-fraud measures, the order said. The Fed said it has issued orders against 16 former Wells Fargo Financial sales personnel barring them from working in the banking industry.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/07/20/us-wellsfargo-settlement-idUSTRE76J6KI20110720>

17. *July 20, Minneapolis Star Tribune* – (National) **Radio host gets charged in Ponzi scheme.** A conservative radio show host claims he was just reading from a script when he told his worldwide radio audience in weekly broadcasts he was a senior financial adviser and they could avoid financial Armageddon by entrusting him and his business partners with their money. However in an indictment unsealed July 20, the host was portrayed as an integral figure in a \$194 million Ponzi scheme that defrauded more

than 700 investors. The host's program, "Follow the Money," was carried on more than 200 stations nationwide, including on the Worldwide Christian Radio network. He insists he believed in the currency investment program he promoted for the mastermind of the scheme, his longtime friend and Minneapolis money manager who was sentenced last August to 25 years on fraud and tax evasion charges. But a grand jury charged the host and two of the money manager's key associates with conspiracy, mail fraud, and money laundering counts. The radio host invited listeners to call him to learn how they could protect their money. Hundreds did, and he spent hours with them on the phone, telling them he was a senior economist and a financial adviser as well as engendering sympathy by falsely telling some investors his wife had been killed in an accident involving a drunken driver. He said in an earlier interview that the money manager prepared the scripts and that he had no choice but to go along. He initially solicited investors for a firm the money manager started called Universal Brokerage Services. The money manager and his associates had been equal partners in a separate Minneapolis firm called Oxford Global Advisors. The two firms spun off a confusing plethora of related entities with either Oxford, Universal Brokerage or UBS in their names. The indictment charges the radio host and two associates with conspiracy, 11 counts of mail and wire fraud, and six counts of money laundering.

Source: <http://www.startribune.com/business/125914273.html>

18. *July 20, Sacramento Bee* – (California) **Sacramento real estate professionals charged with \$4 million mortgage fraud.** Seven Sacramento, California-area real estate professionals with ties to Delta Homes and Lending, Inc. were charged July 14 with committing mortgage fraud with losses totaling \$4 million, according to an indictment unsealed July 19. Between October 2004 and May 2007, the defendants allegedly provided mortgage lenders with false and fraudulent loan applications on behalf of their clients, falsely representing the borrowers' assets, income, liabilities, debts, employment statuses, and citizenship statuses. The seven also allegedly provided money to their clients to inflate the appearance of their assets, and bank account balances. The borrowers then reportedly returned the money after a mortgage loan was secured. The case was extensively investigated by the FBI. The agency found that aggregate sales prices of the homes involved in the conspiracy exceeds \$10 million. If the defendants are convicted, they could face a statutory penalty of 30 years in prison, and a \$1 million fine.

Source: <http://blogs.sacbee.com/crime/archives/2011/07/sacramento-real.html>

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## **Transportation Sector**

19. *July 21, WTOP 103.5 FM Washington D.C.* – (Maryland; District of Columbia) **Southbound Georgia Ave. to remain closed through evening.** The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission will keep southbound Georgia Avenue in Wheaton, Maryland closed through the July 21 evening commute. The southbound lanes were shut down between Randolph Road and Arcola Avenue throughout the day. After

repairing a 16-inch water main break that occurred July 21 and restoring water service, crews worked through the night of July 20 to remove a 200-foot stretch of damaged pavement. On July 21, they were working on backfilling the site and then paving it. The main burst shortly before 5 a.m. July 20, damaging the road surface in the southbound lanes. The break completely shut down Georgia Avenue, but the northbound lanes opened up later the morning of July 20.

Source: <http://www.wtop.com/?nid=41&sid=2462666>

20. *July 21, Associated Press* – (Montana) **BNSF cleaning up site of train derailment near Great Falls.** BNSF crews worked July 20 to clean up and repair the damage caused when a 110-car freight train rear-ended a parked maintenance train just south of Great Falls, Montana. A company spokesman said two employees were treated at a hospital for bumps and bruises sustained in the crash, and have since been released. Thirteen cars carrying cement and gravel derailed July 19, and some tipped on their sides. The spokesman said the derailed cars were going to be scrapped, and two locomotives will be re-railed. A third will be removed on a flat rail car. He said about 1,000 gallons of spilled diesel from one of the locomotives have been cleaned up, and the track reopened July 20. The cause of the crash remains under investigation.  
Source: [http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/article\\_aa4d654a-b395-11e0-b0a5-001cc4c002e0.html](http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/montana/article_aa4d654a-b395-11e0-b0a5-001cc4c002e0.html)
21. *July 21, Great Falls Tribune* – (Montana) **Authorities remove people from freight train near Poplar.** A BNSF Railway Co. train was held up for 20 minutes July 20 after the company received reports of children riding on a freight train. A BNSF spokesman said the BNSF network control center in Fork Worth, Texas, was alerted by authorities in the Poplar, Montana area that three to four children may have been on a train carrying intermodal containers and trailers. The spokesman said intermodal containers contain goods and can be transferred from rail to boat to semi-truck. He added that reports stated the children were about 22 cars behind the engine. The train was en route from Chicago to Portland when it stopped just west of Poplar July 20. He said authorities removed some people from the train, but he did not know any details about the people authorities removed, or if any charges were going to be filed. The spokesman said the train was held up briefly by the incident.  
Source:  
<http://www.greatfalls Tribune.com/article/20110721/NEWS01/107210306/Authorities-remove-people-from-freight-train-near-Poplar>
22. *July 21, Associated Press* – (Oklahoma; Texas) **Fire destroys southwestern Oklahoma bridge.** Authorities said a railroad bridge that spans the Red River between Eldorado, Oklahoma and Quanah, Texas, was destroyed by a July 14 wildfire. A Burlington Northern Santa Fe spokesman told the Lawton Constitution that BNSF Railway and the company's structures department were coordinating efforts to repair the bridge, but he did not know when it would reopen, the Associated Press reported July 21. The Eldorado fire chief said the fire was sparked by a welder doing work on the bridge, and the blaze has been ruled as accidental. The fire chief said 50 to 60 acres of land were burned in the fire.

Source: <http://www.kswo.com/story/15120298/fire-destroys-southwestern-oklahoma-bridge>

23. *July 20, SecurityNewsDaily* – (International) **High-flying phishing: How hackers are scamming for frequent flyer miles.** Criminals are going after a new type of currency: frequent flyer miles. Researchers at the security firm Kaspersky Lab have spotted phishing scams that attempt to gain illegal access into the accounts of airlines to steal frequent flyer miles accumulated by the company's customers. The attacks come in the form of e-mails that promise either prizes or more points in frequent flyer programs; recipients are asked to enter their log-in information on a fake Web site, and doing so effectively hands over users' account details to the scammers. While cybercrime often yields immediate returns in the form of bank account credentials, stolen frequent flyer miles are a slightly different case. In the hands of online criminals, the accumulated miles become a new form of currency, Kaspersky Lab noted. Researchers looking at an underground Brazilian cybercrime forum found criminals selling access to a 3,300-computer-strong botnet in exchange for about 60,000 miles. Another instance saw an online crook setting up an illegal barter: stolen credit cards for stolen air miles. Criminals are also purchasing flights and selling plane tickets bought with the stolen miles.

Source: <http://www.securitynewsdaily.com/high-flying-phishing-how-hackers-are-scamming-for-frequent-flyer-miles-0980/>

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

24. *July 21, Food Safety News* – (Texas; National) **Listeria test prompts Pilgrim's Pride recall.** Pilgrim's Pride Corp. recalled approximately 11,240 pounds of ready-to-eat chicken nuggets and other products that may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) reported July 20. The problem was discovered as a result of on-site internal testing at two of its Texas establishments — in Mount Pleasant and Waco. No reports of illness have been connected with the products. Being recalled are: 10-pound boxes containing 2 5-lb bags of "Sweet Georgia Brand Fully Cooked Breaded White Chicken Nuggets Shaped Patties," and 30-pound boxes containing 6 5-lb bags of "Pilgrim's Pride Fully Cooked Grilled Chicken Breast Fillet with Rib Meat." The "Chicken Nuggets Shaped Patties" products were produced May 27 and shipped to distribution centers in New Jersey and Texas for further distribution to food service institutions. The "Grilled Chicken Breast Fillet with Rib Meat" products were produced

June 29 and shipped to a distribution center in Ohio, for further distribution to food service institutions.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/07/listeria-concern-prompts-pilgrims-pride-recall/>

25. *July 21, Indianapolis Star* – (Indiana) '**Global destroyer' beetle found at Indianapolis airport.** Customs officials at Indianapolis International Airport in Indianapolis July 6 intercepted two khapra beetles, one of the world's most destructive pests, preventing it from spreading in Indiana. This was the first sighting of the khapra beetle in Indianapolis. But experts said the insect could cripple the state's agriculture economy. "We have a lot of grain stored right now," an Indiana Farm Bureau spokesman said. "You could have hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of grain in a silo. If it's contaminated, you're out that money and (had better) hope you have good insurance." The bug eats dried grains, cereals, and rice and thrives in silos. Any human who accidentally eats one could be in for a bout of vomiting and diarrhea. Agriculture specialists with U.S. Customs and Border Protection found the beetles during a routine search of packages traveling through the FedEx Express hub in Indianapolis, an agency spokeswoman said. The live, immature beetles were discovered in a small bag of barley seeds that had been part of a package of personal items traveling from India to North Carolina. The seeds were destroyed, and other items in the shipment were returned to the sender, the spokeswoman said. The bugs were sent to federal experts, who confirmed they were khapra beetles July 11.  
Source: <http://www.thestarpress.com/article/20110721/NEWS06/110721005>
26. *July 20, Grand Forks Herald* – (North Dakota) **Ammonia leak scare causes two-hour evacuation.** An anhydrous ammonia leak July 20 at the J.R. Simplot plant in Grand Forks, North Dakota, prompted the evacuation of a compressor room and surrounding businesses shortly before noon, the fire department said. About 45 people were working in the compressor room when a valve started leaking, the Grand Forks Fire Department battalion chief said. Because of high winds, authorities evacuated nearby businesses Hebron Brick and Strata Corporation in addition to evacuating the compressor room. The evacuations were precautionary, and no one was injured. Authorities contained the leak by putting a new packing gland into the valve. Authorities were on scene until about 2 p.m. The Grand Forks Police Department and Altru Ambulance assisted the Grand Forks Fire Department with the call.  
Source: <http://www.grandforksherald.com/event/article/id/210392/>
27. *July 20, Minnesota Public Radio* – (Minnesota; South Dakota) **Cattle dying due to heat wave.** An estimated 1,000 cattle died the week of July 18 across Minnesota because of the unusually hot weather, Minnesota Public Radio reported July 20. Most of the deaths have been in south central and southwestern Minnesota. The University of Minnesota's Extension office estimates the losses could total about \$1 million. Most of the losses have been large, black-hided cattle, according to an extension livestock instructor. "A lot of times they've been in open lots that don't have a lot of shade or covering," he said. Typical steps that farmers take to keep cattle cool have not worked as well because of the extended heat wave, he said. Across the border in South Dakota, officials estimate as many as 1,500 cattle have died in that state because of the heat

wave.

Source: <http://minnesota.publicradio.org/display/web/2011/07/20/cattle-die-from-heat-wave/>

28. *July 20, Westwood-Washington Township Patch* – (New Jersey) **Thieves steal truck, make off with \$23,000 in goods from Opici.** Thieves stole a truck containing \$23,000 worth of wine from Opici's headquarters in Glen Rock, New Jersey July 19, according to Glen Rock police. Five men in dark clothing arrived at the De Boer Drive facility in a dark vehicle at about 12:20 a.m. "Video surveillance showed the truck being driven out of the lot about 1:30 a.m.," the Glen Rock police captain said. The truck, minus the wine, was later found abandoned on Route 20 in Paterson. Video surveillance at that location revealed a white van bearing no distinguishing markings picked up the truck's driver. Police are not sure when the cargo was unloaded. No serious damage was done at the De Boer Drive facilities, which also houses the American Beverage Distribution Company, a division of Opici. "Some of the ignitions of (four) trucks were damaged (in the trucks that were not stolen), and some of the vehicles' security seals had been broken" as the thieves searched the trucks, the police captain said.

Source: <http://westwood-washington.patch.com/articles/thieves-steal-truck-make-off-with-23000-in-goods-from-opici>

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## **Water Sector**

29. *July 21, KOAM 7 Pittsburg* – (Kansas) **Wichita plant accidentally releases chemicals.** Officials at a Wichita, Kansas treatment plant reported that 2,300 gallons of chemicals were released into the Little Arkansas River July 20. The managers of the plant said the chemicals released did not pose a risk of human health. A spokeswoman for Professional Engineering Consultants said a broken line leaked the chemicals into a holding basin at the city's aquifer storage and recovery water treatment plant. She said it is unclear how the accident happened. The Wichita Eagle reported the chemicals were sodium bisulfite, which is used to neutralize chlorine, and sodium hypochlorite solution, which cleans filters at the plant.

Source: <http://www.koamtv.com/story/15121828/wichita-plant-accidentally-releases-chemicals>

30. *July 20, KOLD 13 Tucson* – (Arizona) **Water pipeline to Tombstone damaged by mudslides.** Six active natural springs in the Huachuca canyons provide up to 80 percent of Tombstone, Arizona's water supply. The water travels through a pipe 32 miles to the city. Since recent flooding and mudslides, the water is not making it to the city, KOLD 13 Tombstone reported July 20. Employees of the Gannett Fleming engineering firm discovered a dam formed, pushing against the now exposed pipe in Miller Canyon. The City of Tombstone is using emergency wells for their water.

Source: <http://tombstone.kold.com/news/environment/water-pipeline-tombstone-damaged-mudslides/55411>

31. *July 20, NY1 New York* – (New York) **Raw sewage dumped into Hudson following fire at Harlem wastewater plant.** Untreated water was dumped into the Hudson River beginning at 5 p.m. July 20, following a fire earlier that day in the engine room at the North River Wastewater Treatment Plant in the Harlem section of Manhattan, New York. The New York Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) said the plant, located west of the Henry Hudson Parkway, needed to be shut off once it reached full capacity and stopped treating wastewater. Crews worked through the night to get the plant running as quickly as possible to treat all of Upper Manhattan's sewage. “That would be what we call a 'bypass' ... what would happen when you have a combined sewer overflow when it rains. This would be a dry-weather bypass,” the DEP commissioner said. DEP officials said it would take at least 48 hours of continuous discharge of sewage before it would have any impact on city beaches. The fire at the plant broke out around noon, and took more than 150 firefighters and 40 fire trucks 3 hours to get it under control. About 1,000 people were evacuated from Riverbank State Park located directly above the plant. The cause of the fire was under investigation the night of July 20.  
Source: [http://www.ny1.com/content/top\\_stories/143300/raw-sewage-dumped-into-hudson-following-fire-at-harlem-wastewater-plant](http://www.ny1.com/content/top_stories/143300/raw-sewage-dumped-into-hudson-following-fire-at-harlem-wastewater-plant)
32. *July 20, Fall River Herald News* – (Massachusetts) **3 arrested in connection to Somerset's contaminated water scare.** Charges have been filed against three workers for their involvement in the water contamination scare that caused a 3-day town-wide ban against drinking water in Somerset, Massachusetts in early June. Two employees of Hydrograss Technologies, a subcontractor for the Veterans Memorial Bridge project, will be charged with wanton destruction of property, conspiracy, and unlicensed connection to a distribution system. A worker for contractor Cianbro will be charged with interfering with metering of water, unlicensed connection to a distribution system, and larceny of less than \$250. Somerset police filed the charges in district court in Fall River July 20. An investigation showed an employee for Cianbro granted permission to Hydrograss Technologies to connect to a hydrant on Brayton Avenue May 31 for water after a water delivery apparently fell through, according to Somerset police. Workers were not given permission to tap into the town's water system. Contamination worries stemmed from a failure to attach a back-flow preventer or meter between the workers' equipment and the hydrant, police said. Because the equipment was not used properly, an unknown amount of hydroseed material entered the town's water system. The town immediately told residents and businesses they couldn't use the water for drinking, washing dishes or preparing food. The ban lasted roughly 3 days. More than 1 million gallons of water were flushed to get rid of the material. No one was known to have gotten sick.  
Source: <http://www.heraldnews.com/news/x1009564725/3-arrested-in-connection-to-Somerset-contaminated-water-scare>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

33. *July 21, Softpedia* – (International) **Pfizer Facebook page hijacked by hackers.** The Facebook page of pharmaceutical company Pfizer was hijacked by hackers associated with the AntiSec movement who used it to post rogue messages, Softpedia reported July 21. The hackers used the Facebook account to call Pfizer a corrupt company that puts people's lives at risk. They linked to a Business Journals article about Pfizer paying \$2.3 billion to settle allegations of illegally promoting drugs. Responsibility for the attack was claimed by The Script Kiddies, the same hackers who, 2 weeks ago, hijacked the @FoxNewsPolitics Twitter account and announced the assassination of the U.S. President. Pfizer's logo was originally replaced with a version that looked as if it was painted over with blood and later switched with the AntiSec logo. The company regained control over its account and issued a short statement about the incident.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Pfizer-Facebook-Page-Hijacked-by-Hackers-212674.shtml>
34. *July 20, WSFA 12 Montgomery* – (Alabama) **Nursing home evacuated by boat due to flooding.** All 64 residents at the Brown Nursing Home in Alexander City, Alabama, were forced to evacuate to safety by boat July 20 due to rising flood waters. Locals said they contacted the Tallapoosa County Emergency Management Agency and fire rescue squads around 9:30 a.m. Though flood waters near the nursing home receded within a few hours, just 1 mile down Washington Street, houses and vehicles were still under water. Rainfall totaled more than 2.75 inches at Alexander City Airport.  
Source: <http://alexandercity.wsfa.com/news/news/nursing-home-evacuated-boat-due-flooding/102703>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

35. *July 21, Korea Herald* – (International) **No sign of drums at alleged chemicals site.** A joint Korea-U.S. team investigating the alleged burial of Agent Orange at one of the U.S. Army camps in Korea detected no traces of drums underground at one of the alleged burial sites, a Korean government source said July 20. The team said earlier in July they found “anomalies” beneath the helipad at Camp Carroll in a rural town of Chilgok, North Gyeongsang Province, through a geophysical survey. It has since collected soil samples from 40 suspicious spots. The helipad is where a U.S. veteran claimed he helped bury in 1978 drums believed to contain the toxic defoliant. Soil samples are currently being tested for environmental and health risk assessment separately by Korean and U.S. experts. On May 22, the U.S. 8th Army admitted chemicals, pesticides, herbicides, and solvents had been buried at Camp Carroll in 1978, but the materials and 60 tons of dirt were subsequently removed in 1979 and 1980. The drums were said to have been stored in Area 41, later moved to Area D, which is adjacent to the helipad, but it is unknown where they went afterward. The investigation into Agent Orange will cover both areas A and D. Test results of the soil and groundwater of area D are expected to come out by late July, while groundwater

sampling on Area 41 is scheduled to begin July 25.

Source: <http://www.koreaherald.com/national/Detail.jsp?newsMLId=20110720000727>

36. *July 20, KLAS 8 Las Vegas* – (Nevada) **Vandals damage Mojave High School.** Four suspects were charged after Clark County School Police said they vandalized Mojave High School in North Las Vegas, Nevada, KLAS 8 Las Vegas reported July 20 The four were being held at the juvenile detention center on charges of burglary and malicious destruction of property. Police said the suspects broke into the school grounds by jumping a fence. Once inside, school police said they broke windows, kicked in doors, sprayed graffiti, and dismantled computers. The suspects were caught when North Las Vegas Police received a 911 call from one of the suspects' parents who found stolen items in the garage. An estimated \$10,000 in damage was done to the school.

Source: <http://northlasvegas.8newsnow.com/news/news/vandals-damage-mojave-high-school/108649>

37. *July 20, Associated Press* – (Mississippi) **Man arrested for threat to Obama.** A man from Oxford, Mississippi was arrested after he allegedly threatened to kill the U.S. President in a phone call. A U.S. attorney said Secret Service agents arrested the suspect July 20, a day after he threatened the President's life, and threatened to damage the University of Mississippi Medical Center. He said the man was booked on charges of threats to kill the President, and use of phone lines to threaten to damage a building by means of explosives. If convicted on both counts, the suspect faces up to 15 years in prison.

Source: <http://www.sunherald.com/2011/07/20/3288049/man-arrested-for-threat-to-obama.html>

38. *July 20, San Francisco Bay City News* – (California) **Death threats on senator.** A San Rafael, California man was arrested July 16 for allegedly making death threats to a U.S. Senator from California. A series of threatening messages as left on the senator's office voice mail after business hours during the week of July 11, according to San Rafael police. Police were contacted earlier, and an investigation identified the caller. The 47-year-old suspect was arrested near his home on East Francisco Boulevard and booked into Marin County Jail on one count of making criminal threats. His bail was set at \$500,000.

Source:

[http://marinscope.com/articles/2011/07/20/news\\_pointer/news/community/doc4e273cde57946743351582.txt](http://marinscope.com/articles/2011/07/20/news_pointer/news/community/doc4e273cde57946743351582.txt)

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

39. *July 21, Montgomery Advertiser* – (Alabama) **Second inmate escapes from federal prison at Maxwell AFB in month.** An inmate was discovered missing from the

federal prison camp at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama, July 19, marking the second escape from the facility in the past month. The inmate was discovered missing around 10 p.m., a public information officer for the prison camp said. The FBI, U.S. Marshals Service, and state and local law enforcement offices immediately were informed. Authorities said they also continued to search for another escapee who was discovered missing from the prison camp June 22. The prison camp is a minimum security work camp for federal inmates. The inmates are tasked with helping maintain the grounds of the air force base. There were 963 inmates housed there as of July 14, according to the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

Source:

<http://www.montgomeryadvertiser.com/article/20110721/NEWS01/107210322/Second-inmate-escapes-from-federal-prison-Maxwell-AFB-month?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|Frontpage|s>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

40. *July 21, Softpedia* – (International) **Millions of computers infected with click fraud trojan found by Google.** Google claims the owners of hundreds of thousands of computers infected with a click-fraud trojan were helped by the malware warning it started displaying on its Web site. The company offered several other details about the trojan that led to the unprecedented decision to alert users via its Web site: "The malware appears to have gotten onto users' computers from one of roughly a hundred variants of fake antivirus software that has been in circulation for a while," Google said. The company noted it is unaware of a common name for the trojan discovered by its engineers while investigating unusual search traffic, indicating the malware is not widely detected yet, and is only picked up by generic signatures. The trojan is relatively widespread, with Google claiming "a couple million machines are affected by this malware", and that hundreds of thousands of users have already been warned.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Millions-of-Computers-Infected-with-Click-Fraud-Trojan-Found-by-Google-212647.shtml>
41. *July 21, IDG News Service* – (International) **Google fixes flaw that scrubbed Websites from search index.** Google disabled a feature that could allow people to remove Web sites from its search index following a problematic discovery by an observer. An operations director at UK Web Media wrote on his blog he was using Google's Web master tools, used for maintaining Web sites, and found he could delete any Web site from Google's search index by manipulating the URL (Uniform Resource Locator). A site address must be included in Google's index for the search company's engine to include that site in any relevant search results. The researcher said he was deleting "thousands" of sites from the index when he accidentally deleted one that he had no relation to. Google fixed the flaw within 7 hours, and sites that should not have been removed should be back in the search index, the researcher wrote. Google officials in London confirmed the fix July 21.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9218561/Google\\_fixes\\_flaw\\_that\\_scrubbed\\_websites\\_from\\_search\\_index](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9218561/Google_fixes_flaw_that_scrubbed_websites_from_search_index)

42. *July 20, Computerworld* – (International) **Apple patches 58 Safari bugs to deflect drive-by attacks.** Apple updated Safari to version 5.1 July 20, patching 58 security vulnerabilities and adding several new features, including sandboxing on Mac OS X 10.7. Safari 5.1 is the browser bundled with Lion, a new OS released by Apple July 20, but it will also run on Mac OS X 10.6, aka Snow Leopard. A separate Safari update to version 5.0.6 was also issued July 20 for users running Mac OS X 10.5, or Leopard. The update patched 58 flaws in Safari, 14 specific to the Windows edition, 1 that affected only the Mac version, and 44 that impact both platforms. Forty-seven of the 58 were accompanied by Apple's "arbitrary code execution" phrasing, indicating the company considered them critical. The bulk of the bugs patched — 43 of the 58 — were in WebKit, the open-source browser engine that powers Safari and also Google's Chrome. Most of those were memory flaws. "Multiple memory corruption issues existed in WebKit," said Apple in the security advisory that accompanied the Safari 5.1 update. "Visiting a maliciously-crafted website may lead to an unexpected application termination or arbitrary code execution." Apple's description means the vulnerabilities could be exploited via "drive-by" attacks that only require cyber criminals to trick victims into visiting a malware-serving URL.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9218549/Apple\\_patches\\_58\\_Safari\\_bugs\\_to\\_deflect\\_drive\\_by\\_attacks](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9218549/Apple_patches_58_Safari_bugs_to_deflect_drive_by_attacks)

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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>

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## Communications Sector

43. *July 20, All Access Music Group* – (Minnesota) **KBHW/International Falls, MN tower collapses after severe storms.** Heartland Christian Broadcasters Contemporary Christian KBHW (PSALM 99.5)/International Falls, Minnesota, was operating at reduced power after its 650-foot tower near Loman, Minnesota, collapsed July 17. The station's general manager said that no one witnessed the incident, but said he suspects that severe storms moving through the area at the time may have caused the collapse. The station normally broadcasts with 100kW and was using a temporary low-power transmitter at its studio, All Access Music Group, reported July 20. Some translators which relay KBHW's programming were off the air because they cannot receive

KBHW's signal. The general manager said translators on the Iron Range receive their programming from KADU/Hibbing, Minnesota, and were on the air.

Source: <http://www.allaccess.com/net-news/archive/story/94056/kbhw-international-falls-mn-tower-collapses-after->

44. *July 20, WSAZ 3 Huntington/Charleston* – (West Virginia) **Copper theft causes phone outage in Kanawha County.** Crews with Frontier Communications said thieves cut a line outside of Cedar Groves in Kanawha County, West Virginia late July 19 or early July 20, leading to phone service disruptions for many. While the thieves only got a few hundred dollars in scrap metal, Frontier said the damage left behind costs everyone. Frontier officials are cracking down, joining forces with local law enforcement to target criminals who steal copper. Officials with the telephone company are installing security systems, cameras and other devices to help monitor their lines and equipment.

Source:

[http://www.wsaz.com/news/headlines/Phone\\_Outage\\_Reported\\_in\\_Kanawha\\_County\\_125886458.html?ref=458](http://www.wsaz.com/news/headlines/Phone_Outage_Reported_in_Kanawha_County_125886458.html?ref=458)

45. *July 20, Northland's NewsCenter* – (Minnesota; Wisconsin) **Severely damaged 911 systems in Carlton Co. fixed.** The damage done to 911 lines in Carlton County, Minnesota was repaired July 20. A Qwest spokeswoman said that a Century Link fiber line was vandalized on I-35 near Lindahl Road causing the problem. Those impacted by the cut included residents of Cloquet, Moose Lake, Barnum, and Carlton. According to the spokeswoman, CenturyLink's priority was on restoring service. "It was reported that some long distance and Internet service in Cloquet, Moose Lake, Barnum, and Carlton were also affected because of the vandalism," she said. Douglas County residents who experienced phone issues earlier in the day have also had their lines repaired. In Wisconsin, a second, separate, phone outage occurred after a fiber was cut between Dairyland and Danbury when a third party company was digging holes. According to the spokeswoman, the outages were unrelated.

Source: <http://www.northlandsnewscenter.com/news/local/911-Systems-Severly-Damaged-In-Carlton-Co-125899458.html>

46. *July 20, KAPP 35 Yakima* – (Washington) **Qwest outage in Cle Elum.** A major outage was reported July 20 affecting Qwest/CenturyLink 911 and residential services in Cle Elum, Washington, and the surrounding area impacting approximately 2,600 customers. Technicians and crews were investigating the cause of this outage and working hard to resolve the problems as quickly as possible. In case of emergency, customers were instructed to drive to the nearest medical facility or fire stations where emergency personnel have been alerted and were standing by.

Source: <http://www.kapptv.com/article/2011/jul/20/qwest-outage-cle-elum/>

47. *July 20, Aviation Week* – (International) **Lightsquared may interfere with Galileo.** Europe weighed in on the GPS interference issue in the United States July 19, expressing "deep concerns" about LightSquared's plans to operate a broadband wireless network using frequencies adjacent to the band allocated to global navigation satellite systems. Europe is developing a satellite navigation system, Galileo. In a letter

to the U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the European Commission (EC) said analysis by the European Space Agency (ESA) shows the potential for LightSquared's terrestrial transmissions to interfere with Galileo receivers on aircraft operating into the United States. "This obviously presents a grave threat to the viability of providing a Galileo service covering U.S. territory — a service which many studies have shown will not only benefit Galileo users, but those of GPS too as the two systems will be interoperable," said the July 19 letter. Europe has developed the Egnos system to increase the accuracy and integrity of GPS. This is interoperable with the U.S. wide-area augmentation system (WAAS). As a result, the EC also is concerned about the effect of interference on the performance of Egnos/WAAS receivers on aircraft entering U.S. airspace. The EC's letter to the FCC also raises concerns about the impact of interference on the Cospas-Sarsat satellite-based search-and-rescue system, which includes a dedicated space-to-earth link, acting as a return channel for emergency beacons, at frequencies close to LightSquared's transmissions. The FCC is digesting the results of testing that show LightSquared's originally planned high-power base stations will cause severe interference with GPS receivers. The EC's letter requests that Egnos and Galileo receivers "also be taken into account within the FCC's decision-making process."

Source:

<http://www.aviationweek.com/aw/generic/story.jsp?id=news/asd/2011/07/20/04.xml&headline=Lightsquared> May

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## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

48. *July 21, Associated Press* – (Texas) **3 teens accused of arson over Baytown church fire.** Three teens have been accused of arson over a fire that damaged a Houston, Texas-area church. The Chambers County sheriff said the suspects were arrested July 20 in connection with the fire July 18 at Living Hope Church in Baytown. The teens were identified as a 19-year-old male, and two male juveniles, facing charges of arson to a place of worship with bond set at \$750,000. Living Hope Church the week of July 11 was targeted with graffiti. Investigators have not said whether they believe the vandalism and the fire are related.

Source: <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/ap/tx/7663068.html>

49. *July 20, Stamford Advocate* – (Connecticut) **Two-alarm fire forces evacuation of Stamford office building.** A two-alarm fire forced the evacuation of a 14-story office building in Stamford, Connecticut shortly after 2 p.m. July 20. The fire started on the roof of the One Stamford Forum building where a work crew was installing a new roof using a torch to seal the new materials. Smoke entered the building's ventilation system, and an alarm sounded to evacuate the building. Firefighters were hampered in their effort to extinguish the blaze because an electrical vault was located directly

beneath the source of the fire, said the Stamford Fire & Rescue deputy chief. While waiting for a crew from Connecticut Light & Power to turn off power to the building, firefighters dug an 18-foot trench in the roof to get water to the source of the fire, he said. The fire was reported knocked down after about an hour. No injuries were reported. For a short time, traffic on Tresser Boulevard was diverted.

Source: <http://www.stamfordadvocate.com/news/article/Two-alarm-fire-forces-evacuation-of-Stamford-1473528.php>

50. *July 20, Logan Herald Journal* – (Utah) **Sewer line explosion causes Tuesday night fire in Hyde Park.** Smithfield, Utah fire officials said an explosive gas, other than what is commonly found in sewer lines, caused a fire at a Hyde Park business July 19. Firefighters were dispatched at 6 p.m. to Robertson Manufacturing Inc. on a report of a structure fire. It appears the flammable vapor crept up through a dry P-trap in a utility room on the main floor of the building and ignited when it came in contact with a water heater pilot light. Crews from Smithfield, Logan, the Cache County Fire District, Bear River Health Department, and public works departments responded. The Smithfield fire chief said crews searched for hours to find the source of the gas. "We had some sort of flammable vapor in the sewer line that wasn't methane," he said. "We were trying to stabilize it so we didn't have a another explosion. We ended up having to flush the sewer lines to get all the vapor out. When it ignited, the fire backed down through the pipe and blew the manhole cover outside the building out of the ground." Witnesses said the cover flew at least 20 feet into the air. A representative from the office of the state fire marshal is investigating.

Source: [http://news.hjnews.com/news/article\\_2d8ee700-b312-11e0-ba62-001cc4c03286.html](http://news.hjnews.com/news/article_2d8ee700-b312-11e0-ba62-001cc4c03286.html)

51. *July 20, Bloomberg* – (Pennsylvania) **Philly electric company loses power at downtown HQ.** Philadelphia, Pennsylvania's major electric company is investigating what led to a power outage at its downtown headquarters that led to a building-wide evacuation. The fire captain said firefighters responding to the PECO building July 20 found a transformer had malfunctioned. A PECO spokeswoman said about 2,000 employees were evacuated as a precaution around 2:30 p.m., and were eventually sent home early. No customers were affected. PECO serves 1.6 million electric and 486,000 natural gas customers in southeastern Pennsylvania. It is a subsidiary of Exelon Corp.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D9OJMHFO0.htm>

52. *July 20, WFOR 4 Miami* – (Florida) **Gas leak interrupts games at Coconut Creek Casino.** Some South Florida gamblers had their game interrupted July 20 when the Seminole Casino in Coconut Creek, Florida was evacuated due to a gas leak. A construction crew working on the property, located at 5550 NW 40th Street, severed a 4-inch gas main with an excavating machine. More than 200 people were evacuated from the construction site as well as the casino while crews gained control of the situation. Hazardous materials teams from BSO Fire Rescue and Ft. Lauderdale Fire Rescue helped Margate Fire Rescue stop the leak, which took about an hour. Once the leak was capped, gamblers were allowed back into the casino once it was deemed safe. No injuries were reported.

Source: <http://miami.cbslocal.com/2011/07/20/gas-leak-interrupts-games-at-coconut-creek-casino/>

53. *July 19, WLS 7 Chicago* – (Illinois) **No swimming at all but 1 Chicago beach.** Only one of Chicago's 24 beaches — 12th Street Beach — was allowing swimming July 19 due to heavy fog over the water. That fog was making for low visibility and Chicago Park District lifeguards said they cannot see people in the water. Beaches were open— but going in the water was not allowed.

Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/wls/story?section=news/local&id=8259214>

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

54. *July 21, George Washington University Hachet* – (District of Columbia) **Fire at Watergate injures firefighters, civilians.** A fire broke out on the tenth floor of the Watergate East building in Washington D.C. late July 20, sending one firefighter to the hospital for heat exhaustion. D.C. firefighters responded just before 10 p.m. The grease fire was contained to one apartment, which a firefighter on scene said was badly damaged. Though the fire did not spread, smoke billowed throughout the building causing damage to other units, the firefighter said. The flames were contained and put out before 11 p.m., but the stifling heat continued to cause problems for the more than 125 firefighters and police officers who responded. One firefighter was taken to the hospital to be treated for heat exhaustion, and at least three elderly residents of the Watergate were taken out on stretchers, but none of the injuries were serious, a D.C. Fire and EMS spokesperson said. The damage to the apartment and the surrounding units was significant, one firefighter on scene said. The Watergate development is listed on the the National Register of Historic Places.

Source: <http://blogs.gwhatchet.com/newsroom/2011/07/21/fire-at-watergate-injuries-firefighters-civilians/>

55. *July 21, Santa Maria Times* – (California) **Pot farms worth nearly \$37M eradicated.** Marijuana eradication operations the week of July 18 in Santa Barbara County, California, resulted in the removal of more than 18,000 mature plants in Los Padres National Forest worth almost \$37 million, the sheriff's department announced July 20. Sheriff's deputies worked with other agencies and task force members July 18 and 19 to clear three illicit pot farms — one in the San Antonio Creek area, which yielded 9,652 plants, and two above Montecito in the Romero Canyon area, which consisted of 8,726 plants. In total, the marijuana plants seized were worth an estimated \$36,756,000, according to the sheriff's department. In addition to the plants, personnel removed about 1,000 pounds of dangerous fertilizers, chemicals, and hazardous trash near the sites. A spokesman for the sheriff's department said he did not think any arrests were expected in connection with the plantations eradicated the week of July 18. The marijuana plants recovered will be destroyed. Marijuana plantations are often operated by dangerous drug cartels.

Source: [http://santamariatimes.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/pot-farms-worth-nearly-m-eradicated/article\\_cfe4bee0-b361-11e0-a230-001cc4c002e0.html](http://santamariatimes.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/pot-farms-worth-nearly-m-eradicated/article_cfe4bee0-b361-11e0-a230-001cc4c002e0.html)

56. *July 20, Associated Press* – (California) **Firefighters quickly stop Riverside Co wildfire.** Firefighters in California contained a wildfire that burned about 8 acres in a small mountain community southwest of Palm Desert in Riverside County. A San Bernardino National Forest spokesman said the fire broke out shortly after 1 p.m. July 20 along State Highway 74 in Pinyon in the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument. About 100 firefighters from federal, state, and county agencies declared the fire contained at 4:20 p.m. The spokesman said State Highway 74 was closed in both directions for about 3 hours. The cause of the fire is under investigation. Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2011/07/20/3783546/firefighters-quickly-stop-riverside.html>

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