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- Swiss Technology, Inc., a manufacturer of weapons and defense systems in Clifton, New Jersey, admitted in court it exported U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) drawings to China, the Clifton Journal reports. (See item [17](#))
- At least 16 people were killed and dozens were injured when linked attacks occurred in Norway, July 22, according to CNN. The attacks included a massive bombing of government buildings, and a shooting at the ruling party's youth camp. (See item [36](#))

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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 22, Billings Gazette* – (Wyoming) **Natural gas pipeline explodes.** A natural gas pipeline west of Gillette, Wyoming, exploded July 20, shaking nearby homes and echoing at least 30 miles away, but not causing any injuries or property damage, officials and a resident said. The blast ripped open a 60-foot section of the Bison Pipeline and shot several pieces of 30-inch-diameter pipe around the bluffs on land about 20 miles west of Gillette at about 7:30 p.m. A 40-foot piece of pipe, split along

its length and spread open with jagged ends, lay almost 70 feet away from the pipeline path, said the Campbell County Fire Department assistant chief, who visited the site. It is not yet clear what caused the pipeline to explode, and there is no clear timeline for when the company will rebuild the line and get it back into use, a TransCanada spokesman said. He said it's not yet clear how much natural gas was vented, but the pipeline was transporting natural gas July 20 at a rate of 365 million cubic feet a day. The 303-mile line was designed to transport up to 477 million cubic feet a day of natural gas from the Powder River Basin northeast through Montana to the Northern Border Pipeline in North Dakota for transport to customers in the Midwest. TransCanada was able to provide 50 percent of the pipeline's volume to customers July, but the pipeline would be shut down July 22 as the investigation continues, the spokesman said. While the closure might cause some problems for a day or two, other pipelines will quickly pick up the slack, said the executive director of the Wyoming Pipeline Authority.

Source: http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming/article_bf92ebda-4f4a-5181-bd52-09eadd5cd49.html

2. *July 22, Montgomery County Courier* – (Texas) **Entergy substation explosion causes fire.** Black smoke billowed from an Entergy substation off FM 1314 and Calhoun Road July 21 as firefighters monitored the fire that started when more than 400 capacitors containing 2,000-plus gallons of mineral oil exploded in East Montgomery, Texas. Units from New Caney, Porter, River Plantation, The Woodlands and Needham fire departments were dispatched to the substation in Bennett Estates around 6:11 a.m. after a bank of 432 static VAR capacitors, which each contain five gallons of mineral oil, caught fire shortly before then. Entergy workers were also on scene to monitor the fire, Public Information Officer, of the Needham Fire and Rescue, said. No outages were reported in nearby homes or businesses and no evacuations took place. Entergy and the Montgomery County Fire Marshal's Office are investigating to determine the cause. Source: http://www.yourhoustonnews.com/east_montgomery/news/article_0247cc5d-8ec3-5a7c-8a5c-d988e226efb1.html
3. *July 21, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Hydrocarbon caused deadly Anacortes refinery blast.** Tesoro Corp. confirmed through an internal report that a hydrocarbon explosion and fire killed seven workers at its Anacortes, Washington, refinery in April 2010. More than a year after the blast, the San Antonio-based company released July 21 a report saying it has already changed safety standards to prevent such risks. The company said a "high temperature hydrogen attack" ruptured a heat exchanger. A hydrogen attack happens when hydrogen mixes with carbon. The company said new heat exchangers will be designed to minimize the risk of hydrogen attacks. The state department of labor and industries had previously concluded Tesoro failed to inspect cracks that had developed in the nearly 40-year-old heat exchanger that ruptured. Tesoro was fined \$2.39 million by the state. Source: http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2015689760_apwatesororefinery.html
4. *July 21, New York Times* – (New York) **Power line policy passed by Energy Regulatory Commission.** Federal regulators laid down principles July 21 for planning

and paying for new power lines, part of a long-term policy effort to help the nation's electricity grid grow enough to meet the demands of renewable energy, and a competitive electricity market. The rule, which has been in the works for years, is intended to push organizations that manage the grid into cooperating with one another, so developers can build power lines across several states, and multiple electrical jurisdictions. Such cross-jurisdictional transmission lines are becoming more important as states seek to reach their goals of integrating large amounts of wind and solar power, generally available in remote deserts and mountaintops, into the energy mix. While generators of power, including renewable energy advocates, generally praised the rule, others were wary and said it could impose big costs on people who get no benefits. The new rule, passed unanimously July 21 by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, does not specify what the formula should be for allocating costs, or precisely how new lines should be planned. It does, however, lay out general guidelines, including the notion that costs should be borne by those who benefit.

Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2011/07/22/science/earth/22grid.html?_r=2

5. *July 21, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **Berthoud Pass reopens in both directions after being closed by hazardous materials spill.** U.S. 40 reopened in Denver, Colorado, July 21 after it had been closed for hours in both directions over Berthoud Pass, as crews worked to clean up a hazardous material spill. At 12:08 p.m., a semi-truck hauling gasoline and diesel rolled onto its side on the east side of the mountain pass, said a spokesman for the Colorado State Patrol. The two trailer compartments were leaking fuel onto the mountain highway, and a hazardous materials crew worked to stop and contain the spill. The compartments were hauling 7,000 gallons of fuel. The amount of fuel that spilled onto the highway was not immediately known, a spokesman said. The highway was reopened about 8:20 p.m. Crews had to transfer the fuel from the damaged tankers to a new container before they could upright the semi-truck and remove it from the road. No injuries were reported and no additional vehicles were involved in the accident. The cause of the accident remains under investigation.

Source: http://www.denverpost.com/breakingnews/ci_18523094

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Chemical Industry Sector

6. *July 22, Associated Press* – (Kentucky) **Worker injured in chemical spill.** A worker at a Louisville, Kentucky plant has been injured in a chemical spill. The Lake Dreamland Fire Department chief said three employees came in contact with toluene at the American Synthetic Rubber Company the night of July 21, and one was taken to the hospital because it got into his eye. He said the spill was contained in one building of the plant, and never posed a danger to the public. He said it may have been caused by a broken flange. The federal Agency for Toxic Substances & Disease Registry lists toluene as a colorless liquid that is used in making rubber, paints, lacquers, and adhesives. It can do harm to the cardiovascular and nervous systems.

Source: <http://www.canadianbusiness.com/article/35360--worker-injured-in-chemical-spill>

7. *July 22, WNDU 16 South Bend* – (Michigan) **Tanker explodes in Berrien County, no injuries reported.** It was nothing short of a close call the night of July 21 in Berrien County, Michigan, when a truck carrying some type of industrial waste exploded outside a restaurant. A truck driver stopped at a TA restaurant just off of I-94 and Sawyer Road in Sawyer. When he came out of the restaurant he noticed a leak from the cargo of his truck. Authorities responded and a hazmat crew was called in. Authorities said the leak continued to get worse, but when the truck stopped venting, it built up gas, and exploded. In the early afternoon of July 22, Chikaming Township Police confirmed the road and business were still closed as crews continued to clean the waste substance. According to a waitress at the restaurant, everyone inside was evacuated around 8:30 p.m. and the explosion happened around 10 p.m. According to a waitress at the restaurant, everyone inside was evacuated around 8:30 p.m., and the explosion happened around 10 p.m. There was no damage to the building, but power lines were knocked out, causing outages in the area. Authorities at the scene said they were trying to determine what type of industrial waste was inside the truck, but some leaked into drains. The drain commissioner was called to evaluate the situation. “This is not going to be a hazard. There’s no vapors escaping right now,” said the Berrien County sheriff. “The Berrien County road commission is bringing a bunch of sand to put dikes on both sides of it so it couldn’t escape any further, and the product is in the middle.” Nobody was hurt in the explosion or the leak because the scene had been cleared within a quarter-mile of the truck stop.
Source: <http://www.wndu.com/hometop/headlines/125992894.html>
8. *July 22, KGPE 47 Fresno* – (California) **Hazmat situation in downtown Fresno.** Cherry Avenue in Fresno, California, had to be closed the morning of July 22 when hydrochloric acid was seen venting from a rail car at California and Cherry. Somebody called to report seeing the leak around 4:30 a.m., and Fresno Fire responded to the scene and closed the area as a precaution. About 40 people were evacuated from 2 businesses not far from the train while hazmat worked on the repair and cleanup, which was done around 9 a.m. Fire officials called the leak “minor,” and were able to stop the leak with duct tape and plastic bags.
Source: <http://www.cbs47.tv/news/local/story/Hazmat-Situation-in-Downtown-Fresno/6FJQqPk9WUKpPGbVs1LoIA.csp?rss=153>
9. *July 22, West Chester Daily Local News* – (Pennsylvania) **Hazmat teams securing acid leak in West Chester.** Hazmat and fire officials were on the scene of an acid leak incident at a West Chester, Pennsylvania plant the afternoon of July 22. The incident was reported about 11:15 a.m. A West Chester assistant fire chief said roughly 50 gallons of sulfuric acid leaked at the Kidde Firefighting National Foam Division in the 300 block of East Union Street. He said all employees were safe and were evacuated. The acid was leaking from an overhead pipe, but as of 1 p.m. was contained, the assistant chief said. A hazmat team arrived to secure the leak. Officials brought a rehabilitation trailer to provide shelter, water, ice, and misting fans to prevent heat-related illnesses among emergency responders. Kidde makes foam concentrate for fire extinguishers, foam proportioning systems, and foam firefighting equipment.
Source: <http://dailylocal.com/articles/2011/07/22/news/police/doc4e299cef62a26051318066.txt>

10. *July 21, WISH 8 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **Chemical cloud sparks concern.** Logansport, Indiana officials said the situation was stable after a hazardous vapor cloud leaked out of a train tanker the morning of July 21. The director of the Cass County Emergency Management Agency told the Logansport Pharos Tribune that the car carrying Phosphorus trichloride, a chemical described as toxic and corrosive, started leaking around 8 a.m. on the tracks along Lytle Street between 9th and 10th Streets. No evacuations were ordered.
Source: http://www.wishtv.com/dpp/news/local/north_central/chemical-cloud-sparks-concern
11. *July 21, WIS 10 Columbia* – (South Carolina) **Chemical explosion closes Olympia-area plant.** Three people were injured the morning of July 21 after a small explosion at a Columbia, South Carolina chemical plant, according to the Richland County Fire Marshal's office. A spokesman said crews transported three people from Lindau Chemicals on Granby Lane in the Olympia area. Their injuries were not considered to be life threatening. A South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) official said the explosion happened when peroxide was improperly placed in the wrong location. He said a small explosion happened and released a small cloud into the air. The cloud dissipated once it left the plant. The SCDHEC official said there was no threat to the public or the environment from the cloud. The agency asked the plant to close the section where the explosion happened to ensure the structural integrity of the plant. According to the company's Web page, Lindau Chemical is responsible for producing "LINDRIDE - a curing agent for epoxy resins."
Source: <http://www.wistv.com/story/15125175/chemical-explosion-closes-olympia-area-plant>
12. *July 21, Occupational Health and Safety* – (International) **EU firms get chemical safety assist.** A new Responsible Care toolkit created to help small and medium-sized businesses across Europe has been released by Cefic, the European Chemical Industry Council, which says the resource will help firms cope with REACH and other new chemical safety regulations, and improve their environmental, health and safety processes. Cefic, based in Brussels, Belgium, is a trade association for some 29,000 chemical companies in Europe that employ 1.3 million workers. Responsible Care is a voluntary safety initiative adopted by chemical manufacturers and transportation companies around the world. Cefic said the kit is the first collection of "validated and freely available tools on subjects such as chemicals management, energy efficiency, occupational health, process safety, [and] transport safety."
Source: <http://ohsonline.com/articles/2011/07/21/eu-firms-get-chemical-safety-assist.aspx?admgarea=ht.InternationalSafety>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

13. *July 22, Associated Press* – (South Carolina) **Nuclear plant worker fired after alcohol test.** A contractor supervisor at the Oconee Nuclear Station near Seneca, South Carolina, was removed after a positive test for alcohol during a random test. The Greenville News said a report filed with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission indicated the contractor's access to the plant had been terminated. A Duke Energy spokesman said he can't discuss information on any worker at the plant. But he said anyone who tests positive for alcohol is removed from duty and loses access to the operation. Source: <http://www.wltx.com/news/article/144416/2/Nuclear-Plant-Worker-Fired-After-Alcohol-Test>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

14. *July 22, U.S. Department of Transportation* – (National) **NHTSA recall notice - Dutchmen Infinity travel trailer recall.** Dutchmen Manufacturing, Inc. is recalling 92 model year 2012 Infinity travel trailers manufactured from February 4, 2011 through June 30, 2011 because the 12 volt main wiring in the front bulkhead compartment is incorrectly routed. On the electrical bus bar mounted to the bulkhead in the compartment, only the main power feed from the disconnect switch should be connected to the lower section of the bus bar. However, the power feed line to the solenoid for the hydraulic pump system is also wired to the lower portion of the bus bar. This circuit is not protected by an auto reset breaker. In the event of a short or ground, the unprotected circuit could result in a fire. Dealers will install an additional auto reset breaker to the bus bar, and connect the power feed for the hydraulic pump system to the added breaker, which will give it the required over current protection. This service will be performed free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin during July 2011. Source: http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/results.cfm?rcl_id=11V358000&searchtype=quicksearch&summary=true&refurl=rss
15. *July 21, Consumer Reports* – (National) **Homelite recalls about 41,200 pressure washer attachments due to laceration hazard.** Homelite announced July 21 the recall of about 41,200 pressure washer surface cleaner attachments due to a laceration hazard. The recalled products were sold exclusively at Home Depot between February 2010 and June 2011. The recall includes 40,000 attachments sold in the United States, and 1,200 sold in Canada, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and Health Canada. Homelite said the surface cleaner attachment's nozzle and spray bar can break and detach, striking and/or breaking the unit's plastic housing. The broken parts can strike consumers, causing a laceration hazard. The company said it has received one laceration injury report, and three reports of minor property damage. The recall includes the following products: orange and red drum-shaped surface cleaner attachments sold with Homelite pressure washer models HL80833 and HL80835, and orange and red drum-shaped surface cleaner attachments sold separately as Powercare model AP31022A, and EZ Clean model AEZ231022. Consumers should contact Homelite for a free replacement.

Source: <http://news.consumerreports.org/safety/2011/07/homelite-recalls-about-41200-pressure-washer-surface-cleaner-attachments-due-to-laceration-hazard.html?EXTKEY=I72RSSB>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

16. *July 22, Associated Press* – (International) **GAO: Blocked fuel line hampered military satellite.** A small piece of cloth stuck in a fuel line may be the reason a military communications satellite has not reached its planned orbit since it was launched in August 2010, government auditors said July 21. The Advanced Extremely High Frequency satellite is still expected to reach its intended altitude, but not until October, nearly a year late. The Air Force Space Command and the contractor, Lockheed Martin Corp., devised a work-around plan to get the satellite to its intended altitude. A Government Accounting Office (GAO) report said the blocked fuel line was most likely caused by a piece of cloth inadvertently left in the line during the manufacturing process. The GAO report said the total cost of the satellite system is \$12.9 billion, and that it incurred \$250 million in extra costs and a 2-year delay because of quality problems with parts, including defective electronics in a power system. It was not immediately clear if the blocked fuel line was included in the calculation of the extra costs and delay. The Air Force revealed in November 2010 that the new satellite had an unspecified problem in its propulsion system. The GAO report was the first public disclosure of the nature of the problem.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/wireStory?id=14130715>

17. *July 22, Clifton Journal* – (International) **Swiss Tech admits to exporting U.S. Defense drawings to China.** Swiss Technology, Inc., a manufacturer of weapons and defense systems in Clifton, New Jersey, admitted July 12 in federal court it conspired to violate the Arms and Export Control Act and export U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) drawings to the People's Republic of China. During the proceeding in Newark, the company said it contracted with an unidentified Chinese company to make parts more cheaply than it would cost to make them in the United States. According to documents filed in the case and statements made in court, the company contracted with the DOD to manufacture parts of M4 and M16 rifles and M249 machine guns from 2004 until 2009. Rather than manufacture the parts, Swiss Tech exported DOD drawings, specifications, and sample parts to China without obtaining a license from the U.S. State Department. As a result of the conspiracy, Swiss Tech caused the DOD to sustain losses of more than \$1.1 million in connection with the fraudulent contracts. Additionally, Swiss Tech's interim president pleaded guilty on the company's behalf and, as part of the plea agreement, agreed to pay about \$1.14 million in restitution to the DOD.

Source:

http://www.northjersey.com/news/125996848_Swiss_Tech_admits_to_exporting_U_S_Defense_drawings_to_China.html

18. *July 21, Defense News* – (National) **USAF expands oxygen-systems investigation.** The U.S. Air Force released additional details about its safety investigation into aircraft On-Board Oxygen Generation Systems (OBOGS), adding the B-1 Lancer, B-2 Spirit, CV-22 Osprey, and “other aircraft as appropriate.” Previously, Air Force officials said the investigation concerned the F-16, F-15E, A-10, F-35, and T-6 aircraft. Air Combat Command said a safety investigation board was looking into the oxygen systems on many aircraft since January. The July 21 press release said the Air Force Secretary ordered the Scientific Advisory Board to conduct a “quick-look study, gather and evaluate information, and recommend any needed corrective actions on aircraft using on-board oxygen generation systems.” The release said the Scientific Advisory Board started its study in May, but not whether it supersedes, replaces, or accompanies the original investigation. The release indicates the service is now looking at more types of aircraft. The Air Force, which grounded its F-22s in May, did not ground any other type of aircraft in connection with the investigation. Earlier July 21, the Air Force said it had no additional information when asked whether carbon monoxide leaking into the cockpit was the most likely culprit behind the F-22 grounding.
Source: <http://www.defensenews.com/story.php?i=7157745&c=AME&s=AIR>
19. *July 21, Defense News* – (Alaska) **Sources: USAF suspects carbon monoxide in F-22 grounding.** Two sources said the prolonged grounding of the U.S. Air Force’s F-22 Raptor fleet may be due to carbon monoxide entering the cockpit via the aircraft’s oxygen system, Defense News reported July 21. Service leaders grounded the fighter May 3, after 14 incidents when F-22 pilots suffered “hypoxia-like symptoms.” Air Force officials initially suspected a problem with the aircraft’s On-Board Oxygen Generation System (OBOGS), but that is looking less likely, the sources said. Instead, investigators now suspect carbon monoxide generated by the plane’s jet engines is getting into the cockpit. Part of the problem may be the procedures used at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, where most of the known incidents have occurred. Because of the harsh climate, pilots often start their jet engines inside a hangar before taking off. Investigators suspect exhaust gases are getting trapped in the building and subsequently sucked back into the engines, where they enter the bleed air intakes that supply the OBOGS, sources said. The design and placement of the intakes, which are located within the engines’ compressor sections, are fairly standard for jet aircraft. There is no immediate fix in sight, sources said.
Source: <http://www.defensenews.com/story.php?i=7149120&c=AME&s=AIR>
20. *July 21, Bloomberg* – (National) **Contractors get scrutiny for bad parts in Defense, NASA programs.** Bad quality parts have resulted in cost increases and schedule delays on 21 major aerospace programs managed or assembled by contractors including Lockheed Martin Corp., Boeing Co., Northrop Grumman Corp., Raytheon Co., and Alliant Techsystems Inc., according to an unreleased report by congressional investigators. The Pentagon’s missile defense, satellite programs, and top NASA projects have “struggled” with the “widespread” introduction of bad parts, mostly in electronics, at various stages of development, according the Government Accountability Office (GAO) report scheduled for release July 24. The Defense Department and NASA said they accepted GAO’s recommendations for future

assessments and reporting on parts quality control problems. Congress may take action to shift more financial consequences to contractors. The GAO found “poor control of manufacturing processes and materials” and “many problems” that resulted from “poor part design, design complexity and inattention to manufacturing risks.” Most of the programs examined began before the agencies adopted new policies to address parts quality problems, the report said.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/g/a/2011/07/22/bloomberg1376-LOQIFJ0UQVI901-6M0FLROO5SUQBFIBPKSP061TFN.DTL>

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Banking and Finance Sector

21. *July 22, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **Lochmiller convicted in \$30 million real estate fraud.** A federal jury in Grand Junction, Colorado, July 21 found a former mortgage firm executive guilty on conspiracy, money laundering, and mail fraud charges related to a \$30 million real estate scheme that claimed more than 400 victims, federal prosecutors announced. Two other co-defendants previously pleaded guilty, and are awaiting sentencing. The man’s firm, Valley Mortgage, began in 2000 buying vacant land or existing mobile home parks and selling lots with either a mobile or manufactured home on them, according to prosecutors. The firm, which operated as Valley Investments in 2007, advertised in local newspapers to solicit investments from the public with promised returns ranging from 10 to 18 percent. Investors were promised a promissory note and a recorded first deed of trust on individual lots, and told their funds would go exclusively to acquire properties and finance the subdivisions. Despite those assurances, investor funds went to pay off earlier investors and to cover personal expenses, prosecutors alleged. Investors also were not told the assets the company owned fell far short of the investments gathered, and that their liens were not first position, making them worthless.
Source: http://www.denverpost.com/business/ci_18525859
22. *July 21, San Antonio Express-News* – (Texas) **Man admits Ponzi scheme.** A one-time San Antonio, Texas businessman faces up to 8 years in federal prison after pleading guilty July 21 for his role in a multimillion-dollar Ponzi scheme. The 58-year-old pleaded guilty in San Antonio federal court to securities fraud, and money laundering. He likely will have to make restitution. He was part of a six-person network that raised more than \$100 million from hundreds of investors around the country in return for promises of lofty returns on investments made with major foreign banks, federal prosecutors allege. None of the money was invested, however. The man used investor funds to pay personal and business expenses, including paying off the mortgage on the office building once occupied by TNT Office Supply, his now-defunct company. From 2003 to 2005, he personally collected more than \$20 million from about 40 investors. More than \$8 million in investor losses were blamed on the former businessman. He was described by prosecutors as a “sub-promoter” for another man who is serving a 9-year prison sentence. He also must pay \$29 million in restitution. The convict told investors they could earn monthly returns of 5 percent to 8 percent, which amounts to a return of 60 percent to 96 percent on an annual basis. He previously settled civil

charges by the Securities and Exchange Commission, though he neither admitted nor denied the agency's allegations.

Source: <http://www.mysanantonio.com/business/article/Man-admits-Ponzi-scheme-1527723.php>

23. *July 21, KAPP 35 Yakima* – (Washington) **FBI believes Bad Hair Bandit has robbed again.** The FBI believes a bank robbery in Richland, Washington, July 18 was likely the work of the so-called Bad Hair Bandit. A woman robbed the Yakima Federal Savings and Loan on Jadwin Avenue in Richland. The FBI said based on the how the robber carried out the crime and physical description given by witnesses, it is safe to say the Bad Hair Bandit has struck again. The woman has robbed several banks across Washington since last December.

Source: <http://www.kapptv.com/article/2011/jul/21/fbi-believes-bad-hair-bandit-has-robbed-again/>

24. *July 21, Reuters* – (International) **Swiss adviser charged in tax fraud tied to UBS.** A Swiss financial adviser was charged July 21 with helping more than 60 U.S. taxpayers hide more than \$184 million in Swiss bank accounts, and move assets from UBS AG to other Swiss banks to avoid getting caught. The owner of Zurich-based Sinco Treuhand AG was indicted on a charge of conspiring to hide clients' income from the Internal Revenue Service from 1998 to 2009, the office of the U.S. Attorney in Manhattan, New York said. The indictment came nearly two and a half years after UBS avoided U.S. criminal prosecution by agreeing to pay a \$780 million penalty, and admitting it helped Americans hide income from the IRS. Criminal charges were formally dropped in October 2010. If convicted, the 57-year-old man could face 5 years in prison plus a fine. U.S. authorities separately charged several Credit Suisse Group AG bankers July 21 — including a former head of North America offshore banking — of helping wealthy Americans evade taxes. The owner of Sinco is an accountant. Prosecutors said that to further his conspiracy, he began in 2001 creating sham corporations, “establishments”, and “foundations” under the laws of Hong Kong, Liechtenstein, and elsewhere. Several of the entities have been named in earlier cases filed in New York and Boston federal courts against former UBS clients. In 2008, upon learning U.S. authorities were investigating UBS, he helped his U.S. clients move accounts to other Swiss banks, prosecutors said. He also was said to provide various Swiss banks with bogus IRS forms that fraudulently stated that undeclared accounts at those banks were not U.S. clients.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/07/21/us-ubs-singenberger-indictment-idUSTRE76K77N20110721>

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Transportation Sector

25. *July 22, KWCH 12 Hutchinson* – (Kansas) **Amtrak train moving again after early morning evacuation in Dodge City.** An Amtrak train is back in service after an early morning evacuation in Dodge City, Kansas. Ford County authorities said the train was stopped July 22 to investigate a possible suspicious package. The Dodge City police

chief said a passenger noticed a suspicious device on the train. That passenger alerted a conductor, and Amtrak notified Dodge City police. Police stopped the train in Dodge City and evacuated the car where the device was located, and upon further investigation, decided to evacuate the entire train. The Kansas Highway Patrol bomb squad was called to the scene and rendered the device harmless. No explosive materials were found in the device. The chief said they will not discuss what the device actually was because the investigation is ongoing. No one was hurt, but one person at the evacuation center fell ill and needed to be taken to the hospital. Once the “all clear” was given, the 245 passengers were allowed back on the train.

Source: <http://www.kwch.com/news/kwch-jab-amtrak-train-moving-again-after-early-morning-evacuation-in-dodge-city-20110722,0,6849989.story>

26. *July 22, Associated Press* – (New York) **1 dead, 20 hurt in NY bus, tractor-trailer crash.** New York State police said a bus carrying 52 passengers was pulling back onto a central New York highway July 22 when it was struck in the rear by a tractor-trailer, killing the truck driver, and injuring about 30 people in a fiery crash. A state police trooper said some injuries were minor, though two people were taken to the hospital by helicopter with serious injuries. The trooper said the eastbound bus had stopped on the shoulder of Interstate 90 for an unknown reason. It was not clear if the bus was in the right lane or on the shoulder when it was struck, but it probably was not up to speed. Passing motorists, including a soldier from Fort Drum, helped some passengers off the bus.

Source: <http://news.yahoo.com/1-dead-20-hurt-ny-bus-tractor-trailer-111517455.html>

27. *July 22, Bloomberg News* – (International) **New York bomb-plotter’s father found guilty by jury of obstructing justice.** A U.S. citizen from Afghanistan was convicted of destroying evidence and conspiring to lie to investigators in the case of his son, who pleaded guilty to plotting to bomb New York City’s subways. The 55-year-old man was found guilty July 22 by a federal jury in Brooklyn, New York, on its second day of deliberations. Prosecutors alleged the man directed family members to destroy evidence, including glasses, masks, liquid chemicals, and containers, that was part of the probe into his son, and that he conspired with family members to lie to agents looking into the subway plot in 2009. The U.S. district judge set a sentencing date for December 2.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-07-22/new-york-bomb-plotter-s-father-found-guilty-by-jury-of-obstructing-justice.html>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

28. *July 21, Missoulian* – (Montana) **Bomb squad destroys suspicious package at downtown Missoula post office.** The Missoula, Montana, city/county bomb squad destroyed a cardboard box left outside the downtown U.S. post office July 21. The box apparently was empty except for a plastic bag, yet the mid-afternoon incident caused

the evacuation of nearby offices, and snarled traffic for several blocks as police barred streets in the area. Someone called 911 at 2:23 p.m. to report a box sitting unattended beside the ramp into the post office's side entrance on Pattee Street, a Missoula police lieutenant, said. The Missoula postmaster ordered post office workers out of the building. Initially, authorities were concerned both about the box and a briefcase in a dumpster, but police quickly determined the briefcase had been thrown out by somebody in the building.

Source: http://missoulian.com/news/local/article_96cbe796-b3de-11e0-9ce3-001cc4c002e0.html

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Agriculture and Food Sector

29. *July 22, Batavia Batavian* – (New York) **More than 100 firefighters called in to battle elements, battle barn fire in Elba.** A fire that was reported at 4:15 p.m. July 21 destroyed a 160-year-old barn at a dairy farm near Elba, New York. Upon arrival, the first Town of Batavia chief reported smoke coming from the barn, and soon after flames covered nearly a quarter of the barn roof. Genesee County volunteer fire departments responded quickly, but could not stop the fire from engulfing the front barn of Post Farms and spreading to a second attached barn. Firefighters struggled because of a lack of public water on Batavia Elba Townline Road. The Elba fire chief requested every tanker from all 17 fire departments in Genesee County to the scene along with tankers from Orleans, Livingston, and Wyoming counties. And a couple of milk trucks were used to haul water from nearby ponds. More than 100 firefighters responded. A sheriff's office investigation concluded the fire started by exhaust from a skid loader in one of the barns, which was full of hay and straw.

Source: <http://thebatavian.com/howard-owens/more-100-firefighters-called-battle-elements-battle-barn-fire-elba/27191>

30. *July 22, Associated Press* – (Alaska) **Ammonia leak prompts evacuation of Sitka, Alaska, seafood processing plant.** The Sitka Fire Department in Sitka, Alaska said a major ammonia leak July 21 forced 150 people to evacuate Silver Bay Seafoods, a seafood processing plant. Of those who left the plant, the fire department said 10 or 11 were taken to a hospital to be checked after fainting or reporting dizziness. The plant is about a mile and a half from any homes, and fire officials said winds were blowing away from the houses. Engineers shut down the plant. There was no immediate word on what caused the leak.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/9b0c145a92404a03a5a537bf9c2affd6/AK--Ammonia-Leak/>

31. *July 22, Hartford Courant* – (Connecticut) **Newington firefighters check out chemical cloud in supermarket.** Firefighters in Newington, Connecticut, were dispatched July 22 to the Price Chopper, a supermarket on the Berlin Turnpike, to inspect a chemical cloud in the building, a police dispatcher said. The cloud was a result of cleaning chemicals that were mixed July 21 by store employees. When

employees discovered that the cloud had not dissipated July 22, they called for help from the fire department before opening for business, the police dispatcher said.

Source: <http://www.courant.com/community/newington/hc-newington-hazmat-0723-20110722,0,4302370.story>

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Water Sector

32. *July 22, Associated Press* – (Alaska) **Glacial lake outburst creates flood concerns.** Floodwaters closed roads and menaced several homes July 21 after a release of water from a glacial dam sent the Mendenhall River and Mendenhall Lake in Juneau, Alaska, surging. The National Weather Service kept a flood warning in place until late July 21 for the area even though it said water levels had crested and begun to recede. The situation was so unusual for the area, the agency could not say late the afternoon of July 21 that the worst was over. At least two spur roads were closed, including one leading to the popular West Glacier trail. Mendenhall campground also was closed. Residents were urged to leave earlier in the day, and electricity to the area had shut off. Source: <http://www.adn.com/2011/07/21/1979662/glacial-lake-outburst-creates.html>
33. *July 22, Cedar Rapids Gazette* – (Iowa) **Over 100,000 gallons of manure flow into creek.** A broken pipe at a dairy farm sent more than 100,000 gallons of manure into an unnamed tributary of Coon Creek, which runs into the Iowa River, the Department of Natural resources said. A DNR environmental specialist, said a crew digging a trench at Cedar Valley Farms south of Blairstown nicked a pipe that was part of an underground system that recycles waste from cattle bedding, which sent the manure into the tributary. When discovered at 7 a.m. July 21, Cedar Valley Farms shut off the pump and built sand dams around the spill site. The spill was contained to Coon Creek in Benton and Iowa counties. The spill killed an unknown number of fish, but officials do not expect it to do much long-term damage to the creek's ecosystem. Source: <http://thegazette.com/2011/07/21/over-100000-gallons-of-manure-flow-from-dairy-operation-into-coon-creek/>
34. *July 22, Associated Press* – (New York) **Pumps working at NYC plant that spilled sewage.** Pumps resumed working July 22 at a wastewater treatment plant that spilled millions of gallons of raw sewage into the Hudson River in Manhattan, New York, and officials expressed hope that the discharges would end in the evening. The New York City Department of Environmental Protection commissioner said the pumps were handling all of the incoming flow, and sewage that had been stored in the system was being reduced. The North River Wastewater Treatment Plant was taken offline July 20, following a fire in the engine room. Untreated wastewater began flowing into the river beginning at 5:15 p.m. Pollution advisories were in effect at three beaches on Staten Island, and one in Brooklyn. Swimmers and kayakers in New York and New Jersey were urged to stay out of the river. Riverbank State Park in Harlem has reopened, but two pools were slated to remain closed until July 23. The 28-acre recreational complex

is on top of the plant. Scientists from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection were closely monitoring the situation with boats. They were conducting scientific modeling of the tides and currents to gauge whether the spill could have an impact on New Jersey. Their modeling showed that even if repairs were not made until July 26, there would not be an impact on Jersey shore points and shellfish beds, according to a New Jersey state Department of Environmental Protection spokesman. To the north of the city, the Westchester County Health Department notified its residents to avoid direct contact with the Hudson River through the weekend. The plant has been in operation since 1976, and treats on average 120 million gallons of wastewater a day.

Source:

http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gfXgX24p_oT07z3pGb-j-czhJswg?docId=532e7f9714dd455c92132fabb704e279

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

35. *July 21, Dayton Beach News-Journal* – (Florida) **Police: 100,000 illegal pain pills sold in Volusia before drug ring busted.** Two Port Orange men and a Daytona Beach woman were arrested July 19 in an oxycodone-trafficking ring that involved obtaining prescriptions and pills from pain-management doctors at pain clinics in Seminole and Orange counties then selling most of the drugs in Volusia County, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) said July 20. In a year’s time, roughly 100,000 oxycodone pills were sold illegally in Volusia. One suspect taught other suspects the “rules of the road” on how to enter pain-management clinics and leave with either prescriptions or pills. The suspects were supplied with fake medical reports designed to help them get prescriptions and pills. Some of the clinics were able to fill the prescriptions, but at least in one instance, a confidential source sent in to videotape and record one suspect could not get the prescription filled. The confidential source then suggested they go to a regular pharmacy to get the pills, an arrest affidavit shows. The FDLE learned of the illegal pill sales in May 2010 after a tipster told them that a “prescription pill trafficking organization was operating throughout Central Florida,” the affidavit shows. According to the FDLE, the investigation is continuing, and at least three more people will be arrested. Two of the individuals are from out of state, and the third one, a woman, is from Daytona Beach. The three suspects who were arrested are in custody at the Volusia County Branch Jail. Two are held on \$70,000 bail each, and the other is held on \$500,000 bail.

Source: <http://www.news-journalonline.com/news/local/east-volusia/2011/07/21/police-100000-illegal-pain-pills-sold-in-volusia-before-drug-ring-busted.html>

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Government Facilities Sector

36. *July 22, CNN* – (International) **Norway struck by 2 deadly attacks.** Norway came under deadly attack July 22 with a massive bombing in the heart of its power center and a shooting at the ruling Labor Party’s youth camp on an island outside the capital — attacks that police said are definitely linked. At least seven people were killed in the blast in Oslo, and at least nine were killed on Utoya Island, which is about 20 miles away, police said. A police spokesman said a man arrested on the island appeared to match the description of a person seen near government buildings shortly before the bomb erupted. He said the man was wearing a police emblem on his blue sweater, though he does not work for police. Oslo University Hospital reported receiving 11 people seriously wounded by the attack in the capital, and eight others wounded in the camp shooting. The prime minister, whose office was badly damaged in the Oslo blast, leads Norway’s Labor Party, which runs the youth camp, where about 700 people were in attendance July 22. People at the camp on northern Utoya Island said the man arrived on the boat that ferries most visitors across the three fourths of a mile of water from the mainland, and told campers that he was carrying out a security check, a Labor Party member said. “After just a few minutes, he took a handgun and started to shoot people,” he said. Citing Norwegian broadcasters, the party member said the man was stopped by Norwegian police. An Oslo police spokesman said the explosion in the capital was caused by a bomb. Several buildings were damaged, many of the windows of the government tower that houses the prime minister’s offices were blown out. Several buildings in Oslo were on fire, smoke billowing from them, a witness said. He said the blast severely damaged the oil ministry and left it in flames.

Source:

http://www.cnn.com/2011/WORLD/europe/07/22/norway.explosion/index.html?hpt=hp_t1

37. *July 21, Government Computer News* – (National) **Government’s ‘orphan websites’ could be stalling .gov security.** More than 18 months after the deadline, the deployment of security protocols on .gov domains apparently has stalled at around 50 percent, government officials said. Under a 2008 memo from the Office of Management and Budget, Domain Name System Security Extensions (DNSSEC) were to be deployed to all federal systems by December 2009. “We were at 50 percent last year, we were at 50 percent this year,” the .gov program manager for the General Services Administration, said at the FOSE conference in Washington, D.C. July 20. “Fifty percent DNSSEC signed zones is unacceptable.” There are a variety of technical, financial, and organizational barriers to completing DNSSEC deployment, he said, but one of the greatest sticking points might be “orphan Web sites” — outdated or abandoned sites that have been forgotten by their owners. A recently announced program to clean up the executive branch’s .gov space and consolidate Web sites could help to improve the DNSSEC percentages, said the White House National Security Council’s director for federal information security policy. “I believe that many domains that are not signed are domains that their owners don’t know about,” he said.

Source: <http://gcn.com/articles/2011/07/21/orphan-websites-stall-dnssec-gov-security.aspx>

38. *July 21, Killeen Daily Herald* – (Texas) **Incident damages Fort Hood walkway; road closed.** A tractor trailer severely damaged an overhead walkway on Tank Destroyer

Boulevard at the Ford Hood military post near Killeen, Texas, July 20, closing a portion of the road for an unknown period of time. The walkway connected pedestrians and school children in the Comanche II neighborhood on post to Smith Middle School, and the Clear Creek Main Exchange and Commissary. The structure was in danger of falling after the incident, so a portion of Tank Destroyer Boulevard was closed, officials said in a statement from the III Corps and Fort Hood Public Affairs Office. Traffic was diverted through Comanche II. Fort Hood civilian police officers and military police were posted at each side of the closed area, which spans from Karankawa Circle to Muskogee Street. Reconstruction of the damaged walkway has begun, a Fort Hood police spokesman said in a statement July 21. No injuries were reported, according to information from Fort Hood, and the incident is under investigation.

Source: <http://www.kdhnews.com/news/story.aspx?s=58615>

39. *July 21, Associated Press* – (Hawaii) **Army removes 32 munitions from ocean floor off Waianae during experimental project.** The U.S. Army has recovered 32 munitions from the ocean floor off Oahu’s Waianae Coast near Honolulu, Hawaii in July during a project to clear away most of the weapons the military dumped there decades ago. The Army is nearly halfway through a 3-week experimental project using a remote controlled robot to remove the weapons. U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii said in a statement July 21 the Army has processed 12 of the munitions, and treated and destroyed 73 pounds of explosives. It has been difficult for the robot to remove the weapons as coral growth has basically cemented many to the ocean floor. The Army is leaving heavily coral encrusted munitions in place. There are an estimated 2,000 weapons in the area nicknamed “Ordnance Reef.”

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/ef69037f8f4f42a9a6d5cc37e0d81fa0/HI--Dumped-Weapons/>

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Emergency Services Sector

40. *July 22, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* – (Wisconsin) **Sulfur dioxide gas hospitalizes 6 Wis. firefighters.** Six Milwaukee, Wisconsin, firefighters were transported to Columbia St. Mary’s Hospital after they responded to a structure fire on the city’s east side, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported July 22. The firefighters were in the 2100 block of N. Terrace Avenue shortly after 2 p.m. when they were exposed to sulfur dioxide, a fire department employee said. Sulfur dioxide is a colorless gas with a pungent odor that smells like a just-struck match. Short-term exposure to high levels of sulfur dioxide in the air can be life-threatening by causing breathing difficulties and obstructing airways, according to the National Library of Medicine.

Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/news/top-headlines/sulfur-dioxide-gas-hospitalizes-6-wis-firefighters>

41. *July 22, Associated Press* – (National) **South Fla. 1 of 4 public safety radio test sites.** South Florida has been chosen by the DHS as one of four test sites for a new

public safety radio system that is intended to allow multiple different police, fire-rescue, and other first responders to communicate more easily than they can now by using the same wavelength, the Associated Press reported July 22. In South Florida, 34 different agencies are participating in the test. The system is also being tested in Arizona, Louisiana, and Chicago, Illinois. Officials said there is currently no system allowing agencies that use different radio bandwidths to communicate without involving a third party. The Harris Unity radio system would eliminate that problem. Since the September 11th attacks, authorities have identified radio bandwidth issues as one of the major obstacles to effective first response to a disaster or attack.

Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2011/07/22/2325602/south-fla-1-of-4-public-safety.html>

42. *July 22, Tarentum Valley News Dispatch* – (Pennsylvania) **Sickening Springdale fumes remain a mystery.** A policeman, two firefighters, and two EMS workers in Springdale, Pennsylvania, were sent to area hospitals after checking on an elderly woman who believed she was affected by carbon monoxide poisoning, the Tarentum Valley Dispatch reported July 22. The woman’s son, who is also elderly, was taken to a hospital July 18 to be treated. An Allegheny County Health Department official said the mysterious fumes that sickened the emergency responders was not carbon monoxide, and might never be known. County officials will not investigate further. Authorities said at the scene they were certain there was not a threatening level of carbon monoxide in the house. One officials noted an exotic bird was found alive in a cage in the home. There was no threat to neighbors.

Source: http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/valleynewsdispatch/s_747961.html

43. *July 21, WFAA 8 Dallas/Fort Worth* – (Texas) **Thieves target North Texas ambulances.** WFAA 8 Dallas/Fort Worth reported July 21 that thieves have been breaking into ambulances right outside the doors of North Texas emergency rooms. The Coppell Fire Department lost a defibrillator that cost \$35,000. The Lewisville Fire Department had a bag full of medicines stolen, and now, at least five fire departments are reporting ambulance break-ins in the last few days. People are walking right up to emergency rooms where ambulances are parked and taking what they can. “One person jumps out and goes into the back of the medic and removes items from the back of the ambulance,” an official said. “Generally, it takes less than 30 seconds.” Investigators said whoever the criminals are, they are casing hospitals. Investigators believe the burglars are trying to sell the stolen items on the black market. Warnings have been sent to area fire departments telling paramedics to use caution. They say the burglars in the Lewisville and Coppell cases drove a light colored or silver Jeep Cherokee. In the next day or so, the Lewisville Police Department hopes to release video of the suspects.

Source: <http://www.wfaa.com/news/local/Burglars-Steal-from-Ambulances-125981078.html>

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Information Technology Sector

44. *July 22, H Security* – (International) **CA Gateway Security vulnerable.** CA warned of a critical vulnerability in its Gateway Security 8.1 business security solution that allows attackers to inject malicious code into systems. According to the Zero Day Initiative, special HTTP requests to port 8080 can be used to remotely write code into critical areas of the heap, and the arbitrary code can then be executed within the context of the Gateway Security service. The company has provided a fix for Gateway Security. Alternatively, users can upgrade to version 9.0. Users of Total Defense Suite r12 are also advised to take action quickly as the vulnerable version of Gateway Security is part of this security package.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/CA-Gateway-Security-vulnerable-1284003.html>
45. *July 21, Dark Reading* – (International) **Embedded Web servers exposing organizations to attack.** A researcher who has been scanning the Internet for months looking for unsecured, embedded Web servers has found a bounty of digital scanners, office printers, voice-over-IP (VoIP) systems, storage devices, and other equipment fully exposed and ripe for attack. The vice president of security research for Zscaler Labs, at Black Hat USA 2011 in August, will demonstrate his findings: Ricoh and Sharp copiers, HP scanners, and Snom VoIP phones were the most commonly discovered devices, all accessible via the Internet. The researcher indicated the issue is a recipe for disaster: embedded Web servers with little or no security get misconfigured when they are installed. Most likely, the potential victims are small to midsize businesses or consumers with less technical expertise who misconfigure their devices and have no idea they are showing up online.
Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/security/application-security/231002364/embedded-web-servers-exposing-organizations-to-attack.html>
46. *July 21, Softpedia* – (International) **XSS vulnerability fixed in Joomla update.** The Joomla Project released version 1.7 of its content management platform as a security update that patches a cross-site scripting vulnerability and introduces an easier update mechanism. The XSS flaw is located in the Joomla core components and stems from inadequate input escaping. The vulnerability was reported by July 11, and affects Joomla 1.6.5, and all earlier 1.6.x versions. It is rated as medium severity.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/XSS-Vulnerability-Fixed-in-Joomla-Update-212816.shtml>
47. *July 21, H Security* – (International) **Security update for Foxit Reader 5 released.** Foxit Software released version 5.0.2 of its PDF Reader, a maintenance and security update that addresses two vulnerabilities in the application. According to the company, the update closes a hole, rated as “highly critical” by security specialist Secunia, caused by a memory boundary error that could result in a heap-based buffer overflow. For an attack to be successful, a victim must first open a specially crafted PDF file in a Web browser. A second Insecure Library Loading vulnerability that could be exploited by an attacker to execute arbitrary code when opening certain PDF files has also been fixed. The first vulnerability was discovered by a Secunia researcher, while the second bug was reported by a researcher from Security Consulting Services. Versions up to and including Foxit Reader 5.0.x are said to be affected.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Security-update-for-Foxit-Reader-5-released-1283749.html>

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Communications Sector

48. *July 22, The Register* – (International) **Evil ‘666’ auto-whaler tool is even eviler than it seems.** Hackers have created a fake tool especially designed to exploit the laziness of clueless and unskilled phishing fraudsters. The fake tool poses as a utility that scours the net for fraudulent sites and pilfers any log-in credentials that victims might have entered, making them available to crooks who had nothing to do with the original fake site. Tools of this type are called auto-whalers and are not unprecedented. This particular variant, however, comes with surprise backdoor functionality, GFI Software has discovered. The utility steals passwords from a user’s machine using a password-stealing trojan called Fignotok-A.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/07/22/auto_whaler_tool_trojan/

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Commercial Facilities Sector

49. *July 22, KNSS 1330 Wichita* – (Kansas) **Theater evacuated in northeast Wichita.** Around 1 a.m. July 22, firefighters were called to the Northrock 14 theater complex in east Wichita, Kansas and the report of fire on the roof of the building. The division chief said when crews arrived the complex was filled with smoke. More than 100 people had to be evacuated from the building. He said no one was injured in the fire. It appears that wiring connected to a neon sign started the blaze. Damage is estimated at \$15,000.
- Source: <http://www.knssradio.com/Theater-Evacuated-in-Northeast-Wichita/10425994>
50. *July 21, WTVG 13 Toledo* – (Ohio) **String of arson fires continue on Buffalo St.** The string of arson fires in Toledo, Ohio putting residents on edge continues. The latest one broke out at a vacant home on Buffalo Street between Erie and Huron Street, and spread to the two homes next door July 21. The fire chief said the arsons are taxing on his department’s resources, and put the public and firefighters in danger. So the chief is offering a reward, asking for the public’s help to solve these crimes. The fire chief said the latest fire started in the middle home. The roof there collapsed, and the fire then

quickly spread to two other homes believed to be vacant. Twelve hours before that fire, one broke out at a vacant house in the 600 block of Forsythe, and spread to three other homes. Another one then started in the 800 block of Willow.

Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/wtvg/story?section=news/local&id=8264829>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

51. *July 22, Associated Press* – (Georgia) **2 Ga. wildfires considered contained.** Fire information officers said July 21 two wildfires in southeast Georgia have been contained. The Southeast Fires Joint Information Center said the Sweat Farm Again fire, west of Waycross, and the Racepond fire, northeast of the Okefenokee Swamp, are considered 100 percent contained. The big Honey Prairie fire, inside the Okefenokee Wildlife Refuge, is around 70 percent containment. The park service said the northern and eastern accesses to the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge remain closed to the public. Stephen C. Foster State Park, on the southern perimeter of the swamp, is open with limited public access. The forestry service warned that as winds shift from east to west, smoke from the Honey Prairie Fire could affect communities on the east side of the fire.

Source: <http://www.timesunion.com/news/article/2-Ga-wildfires-considered-contained-1535180.php>

52. *July 22, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **3 fires in Kaibab forest may flare as dry weather moves in.** Fire managers expect an increase in activity for three fires across the Kaibab National Forest in Arizona. The National Weather Service expects monsoon activity to lessen over northern Arizona, bringing warmer and drier conditions. Two of the three fires are in the Tusayan Ranger District. The Parallel Fire covers 3 acres about 9 miles southeast of Tusayan, and the Woodbridge Fire has burned about 35 acres about 18 miles east of Tusayan on the Coconino Rim. The Beale Fire has burned about 111 acres in the Williams Ranger District about 16 miles northeast of Williams. Forest managers said they planned to use the Beale Fire to burn off dead trees and grass that could feed a future major wildfire.

Source:

<http://www.azcentral.com/arizonarepublic/local/articles/2011/07/22/20110722kaibab-forest-fire.html>

53. *July 21, Salt Lake City Deseret News* – (Utah) **73 people stranded in flash flood at Arches National Park.** A flash flood July 20 stranded 73 people at Arches National Park near Moab, Utah. The individuals, and their 22 vehicles, were stuck for about 8 hours after water hit the Salt Wash around 5:30 p.m., the chief ranger of Arches and Canyonlands National Parks said. The wash was on a small road that leads to the Delicate Arch viewpoint. Park officials, concerned it could take some time for the water to recede, sent a bus to retrieve people, and supply food and water. Most people, though, opted to wait it out. “About 2:30 in the morning it receded enough so they

could drive out,” the chief ranger said.

Source: <http://www.deseretnews.com/article/705387994/73-people-stranded-in-flash-flood-at-Arches-National-Park.html>

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Dams Sector

54. *July 22, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **Corps of Engineers starts process to remove emergency levees built in Minot, outlying areas.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers started the process of removing emergency levees in Minot, North Dakota, the week of July 18. The Minot Daily News reported the Corps began collecting forms from residents that allow the agency access to private property July 21. A spokeswoman said the Corps expects to begin actual dike removal by the end of July. About 11,000 people had to temporarily leave Minot this summer due to flooding, and about 4,100 homes were damaged.
Source: <http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/a5348d8874e14e31a5fcbe3338bf5d3f/ND--ND-Flooding-Minot-Dikes/>
55. *July 22, Bridgewater Patch* – (New Jersey) **Three dams being removed from Raritan River.** According to a release from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, New Jersey began the removal of three dams in the Raritan River beginning with the Calco Dam in Bridgewater the week of July 18. According to the release, the removal of the dams will open a 10-mile stretch of the middle and upper portions of the river for fish migration. The project is being financed and done by the El Paso Corp. under an agreement secured earlier this year to open up a part of the river for fish spawning. According to the release, this is being done for the public to make up for harm done to natural resources by pollution at a refinery, and polymer plants used by the company. The project to remove the first dam will take about 2 weeks, and all three are expected to be completed by the fall.
Source: <http://bridgewater.patch.com/articles/three-dams-being-removed-from-raritan-river>
56. *July 21, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **Missouri River breaches levee in Harrison County.** The Missouri River breached a levee near the Soldier River in Harrison County, reported around 8:30 p.m. July 21. The Harrison County emergency manager’s office said only three homes were affected. Residents were advised of the breach, but no evacuations were ordered. Flooding remains a concern all along the river because of the massive water release by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from upstream reservoirs. Flood experts said this year’s flood is unusual because the water could remain high until early September.
Source: <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20110721/NEWS/110721025/1001/?odyssey=nav/head>

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