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- RSA's SecurID token users, including defense contractors and federal employees, were targeted with fake e-mails supposedly from the U.S. National Security Agency (NSA) urging them to update token codes, Help Net Security reports. (See item [40](#))
- An East Bay Regional Park District police officer on patrol in Moraga, California, had to be rescued July 25 after he was shot at by multiple people, according to the Contra Costa Times. (See item [49](#))

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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 26, Fort Wayne Journal Gazette* – (Indiana) **Natural gas line cut; homes evacuated.** More than two dozen homes were evacuated a few blocks south of Indiana Tech in Fort Wayne, Indiana, July 25 after a natural gas line was cut. Firefighters responded to a reported natural gas leak at Winter and Lewis streets just before 10 a.m., finding a 6-inch gas main had been cut, the Fort Wayne Fire Department said. A city agency was doing utility work in the area and hit the line, the fire department said.

Firefighters assisted in evacuating between 16 and 20 homes in all directions, while Northern Indiana Public Service Co. isolated the leak. The leak was controlled at 12:22 p.m., and residents returned to their homes between 12:45 and 1 p.m., firefighters said. Source:

<http://www.journalgazette.net/article/20110726/LOCAL/307269975/1002/LOCAL>

2. *July 26, KARE 11 Minneapolis* – (Minnesota) **Power restored for thousands in west metro.** Xcel Energy said all power was restored to thousands of customers following a power failure July 26. The outage affected 17,000 customers in Plymouth, Minnetonka, Edina, and Wayzata, Minnesota from 6:30 to 8:40 a.m. Xcel Energy officials said a cable failure at a substation caused the power outage. Many commuters experienced traffic delays due to traffic lights not working properly.
Source: <http://www.kare11.com/news/article/931632/391/Thousands-without-power-in-west-metro->
3. *July 25, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **3 injured in ND oil well explosion.** Natural gas ignited during drilling operations at an oil well in western North Dakota, starting a fire that severely burned two men, injured another, and will likely burn for at least a week before it is brought under control, the state's top oil regulator said July 25. The director of the state department of mineral resources said the fire started July 24 at the site near Beach. The drill rig toppled during the fire, and oil, gas, and debris were still burning July 25, he said. Like many oil-producing states, North Dakota has no specialized equipment to battle oil well fires. Because of the costs involved, the state does not require it and thus the companies are unwilling to invest in expensive equipment. The cause of the fire is under investigation, and it does not appear that it will extinguish on its own. Well fire specialists from Wild Well Control Inc. traveled from Texas and were slated to be on the scene July 25.
Source: http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2011/07/25/general-energy-nd-oil-well-explosion_8582780.html
4. *July 25, Reuters* – (International) **Pemex counts 100 workers linked to Mexico fuel thefts.** More than 100 oil workers and contractors hired by Mexico's state oil monopoly Pemex have aided criminal gangs stealing millions of barrels of fuel over the past decade, a document obtained by Reuters shows. The corrupt workers collaborate with crime gangs, some with links to powerful drug cartels, to hijack tanker trucks or siphon gas, crude oil, and jet fuel out of tens of thousands of miles of pipelines snaking across Mexico. Since 2001, 97 workers and 7 contractors, usually truck drivers, have been linked to fuel thefts, Pemex told Reuters through a freedom-of-information request. Some of those staff members have engineering skills and inside knowledge of the company. Fuel theft has cost Pemex \$600 million since 2010 alone — a major headache for Mexico's government, which relies on oil revenues for about a third of its budget. The government is trying to address the problem, and a new law moving through congress would slap stiffer penalties on employees convicted of willingly collaborating on thefts. Those found guilty could face up to 6 years behind bars. The crooked workers are just a tiny fraction of the nearly 150,000 employees that make the state oil company one of the largest companies in the world, and Pemex said the biggest culprits were organized crime syndicates, not insiders. Pemex is suing several

U.S. companies accused of buying stolen Mexican natural gas condensate, a gasoline-like by-product used in petrochemical plants. Drug smugglers use the fuel to power their cars and planes or sell it. Armed gangs menace pipeline inspectors and some have even kidnapped Pemex workers, with 17 victims since 2005. While Pemex said it does not know the motives behind the assaults, criminals could be using brute force to intimidate workers into spilling privileged information.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/07/26/us-mexico-oil-idUSTRE76P0BC20110726>

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Chemical Industry Sector

5. *July 26, Business Insider* – (International) **Norway killer was on watch list for suspicious chemical purchases.** In the wake of the July 22 terrorist attacks in Norway, the country is trying to work out how the attack could have been prevented. One way the killer might have been caught seems to be through his purchase of dangerous chemicals that could be used to make a bomb. Norwegian authorities reportedly had the suspect on a "watch list" since March, after he purchased a large amount of chemicals from a Polish online store. The Daily Mail reports his name was among 60 passed onto the Police Security Service (PST) by Norwegian Customs. However, the PST didn't investigate further as the suspect could have been using the chemicals on his farm. The European Union has decided to speed up legislation that would seek to restrict the sale of dangerous chemicals, Ria Vovosti reports. Poland's internal intelligence agency is also investigating the sales. However, a spokesman told The Telegraph the majority of the chemical sales were legal, and no arrests have been made.
Source: <http://www.businessinsider.com/norway-bombing-chemicals-police-2011-7>
6. *July 26, Oklahoma City Oklahoman* – (Oklahoma; National) **Fertilizer used in Oklahoma City, Norway bombings is readily available in U.S.** The ingredients for the type of fertilizer bomb used in the Oklahoma City bombing, and apparently in the recent deadly terrorist bombing in Oslo, Norway, continue to be widely available in Oklahoma, and elsewhere. The bombs are easy to produce with the proper ingredients, mainly ammonium nitrate, one of the most common fertilizers in the United States, and fuel. The Oklahoma City bomber used those same ingredients 16 years ago to build the bomb he exploded at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. The attack resulted in the deaths of 168 people. The suspect in the Norway attacks is alleged to have used a similar concoction July 22 to bomb the country's capital, killing 8 people, before he went on a shooting spree and killed another 68. Ammonium nitrate fertilizer has been used frequently in terrorist acts, but little has been done in the United States to restrict its use. That's because this fertilizer and other components a terrorist would use to make a homemade bomb have legitimate uses, too, an FBI bomb expert said. He was on the front line of the investigation into the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995. "Regulating the sale of them (fertilizers) would be like regulating the sale of a hammer," the expert said. "We know a hammer can kill someone, but that's not its intended purpose." In

Oklahoma, there is no limit on the amount of ammonium nitrate fertilizer an individual can purchase, but in 2005, rules were put in place to make such sales more easily tracked by law enforcement, said a spokeswoman for the state department of agriculture, food and forestry. She said even though the rules weren't enacted until a decade after the bombing in Oklahoma City, they were directly related. Retailers of ammonium nitrate are required to keep a log of who buys it, how much is purchased and when. The log must contain the buyer's name, address, driver's license number, and telephone number. The records must be kept for 2 years. The law also gives retailers the right to refuse to sell ammonium nitrate if they suspect it may be used for bomb making.

Source: <http://newsok.com/fertilizer-used-in-oklahoma-city-norway-bombings-is-readily-available-in-u.s./article/3588777>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

7. *July 25, The Augusta Chronicle* – (South Carolina) **SRS contractor to pay fines for contamination.** Savannah River Nuclear Solutions must pay fines totaling \$243,750 for violations associated with a 2010 accident in which a worker's finger was punctured by a sharp object that left him contaminated with radioactive plutonium. The accident occurred June 14, 2010, in F-Area, where workers sort waste for shipment to a disposal site in New Mexico. The employee improperly inserted a survey flag into a can of radioactive waste, causing the wire shaft of the flag to puncture six layers of protective clothing and his index finger. According to a preliminary notice of violation issued the week of July 18 by the Energy Department's Office of Health, Safety and Enforcement, officials found four violations of radiation protection and nuclear safety regulations in the areas of occupational dose limits, written procedures and work processes, training and qualification, and quality assurance.
Source: <http://chronicle.augusta.com/latest-news/2011-07-25/srs-facing-425000-fines-contamination-accident>
8. *July 23, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission* – (Minnesota) **Offsite notification due to unmonitored release of tritium to septic system.** It was discovered July 23 that water containing tritium from a secondary system steam leak has been periodically disposed of via the septic system versus the normally monitored turbine building sump effluent path at the Prairie Island nuclear power plant in Welch, Minnesota, the plant operator reported to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The tritium amount was 8.00 E-5 microcuries per milliliter. The tritium sample is consistent with normal secondary plant samples. Since November, 2010, there have been no abnormal tritium results from the septic system. There was also MPA (29.7 parts per million) which is a pH additive. The septic system is monitored on a monthly basis but is not a normal path for discharge of equipment related fluid leakage. The steam has been condensed and collected in a 5-gallon pail periodically emptied by crew personnel. Management just became aware that there were instances where disposal of the water was to the septic

system. This practice has been halted. The steam leak has been active since November of 2010. This is being reported due to the potential for being an unusual or abnormal release of radioactive effluent.

Source: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/event/2011/20110725en.html#en47091>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

9. *July 26, U.S. Department of Transportation* – (National) **NHTSA recall notice - IC/RE school buses.** Navistar is recalling 431 model year 2011 and 2012 IC RE school buses manufactured from February 4, 2010, through June 16, 2011. The positive battery cable may rub on the hydraulic cooler reservoir mounting bracket possibly resulting in an electrical short. An electrical short may cause a fire possibly resulting in property damage, personal injury, or death. Navistar will notify owners and dealers will repair the buses free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin on or before September, 16, 2011.
Source: http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/results.cfm?rcl_id=11V365000&searchtype=quicksearch&summary=true&refurl=rss
10. *July 26, U.S. Department of Transportation* – (National) **NHTSA recall notice - IC/RE commercial buses.** Navistar is recalling 64 model year 2011 and 2012 IC RE commercial buses manufactured from August 24, 2010, through June 8, 2011. The positive battery cable may rub on the hydraulic cooler reservoir mounting bracket possibly resulting in an electrical short. An electrical short may cause a fire possibly resulting in property damage, personal injury, or death. Navistar will notify owners and dealers will repair the buses free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin on or before September, 16, 2011.
Source: http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/results.cfm?rcl_id=11V367000&searchtype=quicksearch&summary=true&refurl=rss
11. *July 25, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Wisconsin) **U.S. Labor Department's OSHA cites Brenner Tank Services of Wisconsin for lack of machine guards and protection from respirable dust, other hazards.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) cited Brenner Tank Services in Mauston, Wisconsin, for 11 safety and health violations, including one willful violation. The company faces proposed penalties of \$114,000 as a result of health and safety inspections conducted in January. The willful violation, with a proposed penalty of \$70,000, was cited for failing to guard the point of operation on the shear so that operators were prevented from reaching the danger zone while the shear was being used. Nine serious violations include failing to have a point-of-operation guard on a press brake; overexposing employees to respirator crystalline silica while sandblasting; lack of engineering controls to reduce silica exposures below the permissible exposure limit; not running exhaust through a dust collection system; allowing dust to

accumulate outside of the blast enclosure; failing to evaluate respiratory hazards; failing to conduct medical evaluations for workers using respirators; respirator couplings not being compatible with air hose couplings; failing to ensure surfaces were kept as free as possible of hexavalent chromium; and lack of hazard communication training. One other-than-serious violation was also cited.

Source:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=20343

12. *July 25, Dark Reading* – (National) **'War texting' attack hacks car alarm system.** A security consultant with iSec Partners, next week at Black Hat USA in Las Vegas plans to show a video of a car alarm attack he and a fellow researcher conducted. Physical security systems attached to the Global System for Mobile (GSM) and cellular networks, such as GPS tracking devices and car alarms, as well as traffic control systems, home control and automation systems, and SCADA sensors, are ripe for attack, according to the security consultant. War texting is something that he demonstrated earlier this year with personal GPS locators. He demonstrated how to hack vendor Zoombak's personal GPS devices to find, target, and impersonate the user or equipment rigged with those consumer-focused devices. His Black Hat research, meanwhile, focuses more on the infrastructure, as well as on fingerprinting or classifying these devices among millions of wireless phone numbers. Car alarms are vulnerable, for instance, because they connect and idle on Internet-ready cellular networks, and receive messages from control servers, he said. The security consultant said the car alarm hack just scratches the surface of the inherent danger of having such devices GSM- and cell-connected. "What I got in two hours with the car alarm is pretty horrifying when you consider other devices like this, such as SCADA systems and traffic-control cameras." he said.

Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/security/news/231002602/war-texting-attack-hacks-car-alarm-system.html>

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Banking and Finance Sector

13. *July 26, WGAL 8 Lancaster* – (Pennsylvania) **Former EFI official pleads guilty to loan fraud.** Another guilty plea in federal court was entered July 25 in a loan fraud scheme by a Lancaster, Pennsylvania company. An Alabama man pleaded guilty to the \$53 million loan fraud scheme at an equipment finance company. He and seven others are accused of looting the accounts and falsifying the books of Equipment Finance Inc. (EFI) of Lititz, Pennsylvania from 2001 to 2007 — saying they were lending money to logging companies to buy new equipment. EFI was purchased by Sterling Financial,

and later became part of the Bank of Lancaster County. The convict faces up to 45 years in prison.

Source: <http://www.wgal.com/r/28664242/detail.html>

14. *July 26, Examiner.com* – (Tennessee; Florida) **Secret Service joins credit card fraud investigation.** A federal agency is investigating a recent outbreak of credit and debit card fraud in Gallatin, Tennessee. The Secret Service was asked by local police to assist with the case around July 20, said the assistant to the special agent in charge for the agency's Nashville field office. The Gallatin Police Department had received 94 reports of credit card fraud as of July 25 that were believed to be connected to the same case. The trend among the reports was that victims saw illicit charges on their bank or credit card statements of \$90-\$100 mostly from businesses in Florida, a Gallatin police sergeant said. Another common link among the reported cases was that many of the victims had used their cards in businesses in the Volunteer State Community College area, located around the 1400 block of Nashville Pike. Gallatin police said the week of July 18 they believed devices designed to steal information from the magnetic strips of consumers' credit or debit cards may have been inserted inside card-swipe machines.
Source: <http://www.tennessean.com/article/20110725/GALLATIN01/307250063/Secret-Service-joins-credit-card-fraud-investigation>
15. *July 25, Houston Chronicle* – (Texas) **Armored car guard, robbers in gunfight at SE Houston bank.** A pair of masked robbers shot it out with an armored car guard July 25 during an attempted hold-up at a bank in Houston, Texas, authorities said. The robbers pulled up in a truck about 8 a.m. while the Loomis armored car guard was working on an ATM machine outside a Bank of America branch on the South Loop near Woodridge, FBI officials said. The two robbers got out and began shooting at the guard, who returned fire. They fled without getting any money, FBI officials said. There were no reported injuries, but FBI officials said they couldn't confirm if the robbers were struck by gunfire from the guard. The truck used in the attempted robbery was later found near the scene. It had earlier been reported stolen, officials said.
Source: <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/metropolitan/7669086.html>
16. *July 25, KGW 8 Portland* – (Oregon) **'Ditto Bandit' bank robbery suspect captured.** An alert bank employee and a security guard worked to capture the suspect in a string of robberies at a Sellwood, Oregon bank July 25. The employee spotted the 30-year-old walking toward the bank July 25 and recognized him as the man wanted in the 3 recent robberies July 1, July 11, and July 19. The employee alerted the security guard and then the guard took the man into custody, police said. The suspect was booked into the Multnomah County jail on a U.S. Marshals hold and bank robbery charges were pending. The Sellwood bank that was robbed is located at 8112 Southeast 13th Avenue. Police dubbed this the "Ditto Bandit" case, because the robber hit the exact same bank every time.
Source: <http://www.kgw.com/news/local/Ditto-Bandit-bank-robbery-suspect-captured-126143003.html>

17. *July 25, Minneapolis Star Tribune* – (Minnesota) **Edina mortgage broker charged in scheme.** An Edina, Minnesota mortgage broker was charged July 22 for his role in a \$20 million mortgage fraud scheme that involved 57 properties. The 40-year-old man was charged in federal court with one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud. If convicted, he faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison, according to a release issued July 25 by the U.S. attorney's office. He was charged with conspiring with others between 2004 and 2007 to obtain mortgage loan proceeds based on fraudulent documentation. One of his partners in the scheme pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud June 27. According to the charges, unnamed co-conspirators identified and recruited buyers for residential properties. Two of the co-conspirators allegedly told buyers they would receive kickbacks after the property sales closed, and were told they could put those payments toward the mortgages or use them to improve the properties. The accused broker allegedly helped prepare and submit false mortgage loan applications, which misrepresented the buyers' true financial situations. The fraudulent documents were used to get loans approved, and loan proceeds were disbursed by wire transfer into the accounts of various title companies. The broker and his co-conspirators then allegedly caused those title companies to disburse some proceeds from each transaction into bank accounts not associated with the property buyers to conceal the undisclosed kickbacks. According to the charges, the broker received about \$200,000 for assisting buyers to secure mortgage loan funding for 26 properties.

Source: <http://www.startribune.com/business/126121348.html>

18. *July 25, Nextgov.com* – (International) **Plan to fight organized crime recognizes growing cyber threats.** Presidential administration officials July 25 unrolled a plan to fight global organized crime that says computer crime is a much greater threat today, because online networks undergird nearly every illicit network. The 38-page written plan highlights the Web's role in perpetuating and thwarting transnational organized crime. For instance, syndicates orchestrating intellectual property theft — which garnered a lot of time during the July 25 event — include enterprises that steal proprietary items "through intrusions into corporate and proprietary computer networks," the document noted. Online fraud committed by Central European cybercrime networks is estimated to have robbed Americans of about \$1 billion during a 1-year period, the strategy said. "Through cybercrime, transnational criminal organizations pose a significant threat to financial and trust systems — banking, stock markets, e-currency, and value and credit card services — on which the world economy depends," the document stated. But the United States is short on help to track the digital money trail that crooks leave behind with their online transactions, computer addresses, and wireless devices. To bolster domestic crime-fighting forces, the United States wants to coordinate with foreign partners on executing better computer forensics analysis, as well as recovering digital evidence for prosecutions, the paper stated. The White House strategy tackles drug trafficking, human smuggling and terrorist financing, among other areas of global conspiracy, and is based on a year-long review that ended in January 2010. It is the first such organized crime study in 15 years. In addition, the agenda includes a new executive order that slaps economic sanctions on syndicates, and prohibits Americans from doing business with them.

Source: http://www.nextgov.com/nextgov/ng_20110725_6053.php?oref=topnews

19. *July 25, Waynesville Daily Guide* – (Missouri) **Former Bank of Crocker loan officer pleads guilty to fraud.** A U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced July 25 a Crocker, Missouri man pleaded guilty in federal court to stealing more than \$450,000 from the bank where he was employed as a loan officer. The 42-year-old pleaded guilty to an information charging him with bank fraud. From 2004 to 2008, the former loan officer at the Bank of Crocker fraudulently obtained loans, lines of credit, and funds from bank customers' accounts without their knowledge or approval. He did so by: making loans to unsuspecting borrowers of the bank and diverting the proceeds to his own personal accounts; drawing on existing bank customers' lines of credit to make payments on his personal accounts, loans and credit cards; issuing cashier's checks for deposit into his personal accounts; and issuing fraudulent letters of credit, which the Bank of Crocker had to guarantee. He admitted to stealing \$451,763.46 from multiple bank customers, and from the bank itself. Under federal statutes, he is subject to a sentence of up to 30 years in federal prison without parole, plus mandatory restitution and a fine of up to \$1 million.
Source: <http://www.waynesvilledailyguide.com/topstories/x1009571614/FORMER-BANK-OF-CROCKER-LOAN-OFFICER-PLEADS-GUILTY-TO-FRAUD>

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Transportation Sector

20. *July 26, Idaho Press-Tribune* – (Idaho) **Repairs to Idaho 55 washout may take until weekend.** After assessing damages, Idaho Transportation Department crews said repairs on Idaho 55 near the junction with U.S. 95 in Marsing should be reopened later the weekend of July 30 and 31. A failing culvert, 4 feet in diameter, caused the washout of a 20-foot section of highway about a half-mile west of Marsing July 24 between 3:30 and 4 p.m. A detour route was put in place. Drivers were being directed to Pershall, Edison, and Thompson roads. Detour signs were in place to move traffic around the work area. An excavator opened the area above the culvert and removed debris July 24 to minimize washing of material down the channel and to the Snake River about a mile away. The remaining area of roadway was trenched through the night to allow water to flow from one side to the other, and not interrupt service to irrigators downstream or risk a collapse of the culvert, which would create a dam and water over the roadway, expanding the area of damage.
Source: http://www.idahopress.com/news/repairs-to-idaho-washout-may-take-until-weekend/article_4fecad32-b74a-11e0-9007-001cc4c03286.html
21. *July 26, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **Airport shooting accident out of character for experienced hunter, friend says.** A former Louisiana chapter president of Safari Club International, who was preparing to fly out of Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport for his next safari, accidentally fired his hunting rifle while trying to check the gun with his baggage, injuring a United Airlines ticket agent. The employee was taken to a local hospital with a non-critical wound to his lower leg, said a spokesman for the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office. A United Airlines spokeswoman said the employee was in stable condition. The flyer, 65, was issued a misdemeanor summons for negligent injury. Because of the investigation, the man did

not make his flight. The incident occurred at about 10:15 a.m. at the United ticket counter as the man tried to declare the rifle during check-in, the marketing manager for airport said. Most passengers can not travel with guns in the passenger cabin; law enforcement officers are the exception. But airlines allow firearms and ammunition in checked bagged as long as it is unloaded and stored in a locked, hard-sided container, according to Transportation Security Administration guidelines.

Source:

http://www.nola.com/crime/index.ssf/2011/07/airport_shooting_accident_out.html

22. *July 26, KWCH 12 Wichita and Associated Press* – (Kansas) **No hazardous material in the truck that closed Interstate 70.** A section of Interstate 70 in Kansas reopened July 25 after being shut down for 9 hours. The 4-mile stretch of the interstate was closed east and west of Topeka because investigators suspected a man was carrying hazardous materials in his truck. In the end, nothing lethal was discovered. The interstate closure caused a massive backup as drivers had to get off the highway and take a lengthy detour that added hours to traveling times. Bomb squads with electronic equipment carefully inspected the truck, trying to avoid a possible explosion. Authorities in Junction City said the suspect, a 50-year old Arkansas man, had allegedly called dispatch there to warn hazardous materials had been left in a Junction City Ramada Inn. The truck was packed with containers of various sizes, and scrawled with what have been described as anti-government slogans. The state transportation department said the highway's closing extended from the Kansas 4 exit just west of Topeka to the Kansas 99 exit in Wabaunsee County. Traffic was rerouted onto Kansas 99 and U.S. 24.
Source: <http://www.kwch.com/news/wdaf-hazardous-material-investigation-closes-parts-of-i70-20110725,0,6952252.story>
23. *July 26, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **2 crashes close Interstate 78 in eastern Pa.** A wrong-way collision involving a tractor-trailer closed part of an interstate in eastern Pennsylvania. State police said a passenger in the wrong-way vehicle was killed in the westbound lanes of Interstate 78 in Lower Saucon Township around 4 a.m. July 26. The westbound lanes remain closed in the early afternoon of July 26. A few hours after the first wreck, state police said a four-vehicle crash closed the entire eastbound side, but those lanes reopened around 10 a.m. State police said they expected the westbound lanes to be closed for several more hours. Besides the fatality, two other injuries were reported.
Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/wpvi/story?section=news/local&id=8271597>
24. *July 26, Danbury News-Times* – (Connecticut) **Derailed train causes more Metro-North delays.** A derailment of a maintenance train carrying stone ballast caused significant problems for Metro-North July 26, delaying trains by up to 30 minutes in both directions and forcing Metro-North to bus commuters between Fairfield and Bridgeport, Connecticut. It was the second time in the past 3 weekdays service has been interrupted on the New Haven line, which also had delays of up to 45 minutes because of heat-related issues July 22. Officials said the maintenance train came off the track around 11:45 p.m. just outside of the Bridgeport station on the eastbound tracks. Train service was suspended until just before 7:30 a.m., with buses taking riders from

Fairfield to Bridgeport until the tracks were cleared enough to allow trains to pass. Delays were compounded by two tracks that were already shut down for ongoing catenary wire repairs between Southport and Fairfield. Trains between Stamford and Grand Central Terminal in New York were not as affected by the delays.

Source: <http://www.newstimes.com/news/article/Derailed-train-causes-more-Metro-North-delays-1596350.php>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

25. *July 26, Food Safety News* – (International) **More papayas found contaminated with salmonella.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is stepping up tests on papayas imported from Mexico as it investigates a Salmonella outbreak in 23 states involving 97 cases of food poisoning, including 10 that required hospital treatment. In a news release July 25, the FDA said 10 more papaya samples from Mexico have tested positive for the outbreak strain of Salmonella Agona, in addition to two positive samples reported earlier — one in a shipment halted at the border, and another collected at a Texas processing plant. "As part of this investigation, the FDA is taking regulatory action to prevent potentially contaminated papaya from entering the United States, including increasing its sampling of imported papaya," the agency stated. The FDA said it is working with the importer, Agromod Produce of McAllen, Texas, and state public health authorities to determine if previous shipments of potentially contaminated papaya could be in circulation. Agromod announced over the weekend of July 23 and 24 that it was recalling papaya distributed before July 23 under four brand names — Blondie, Yaya, Mañanita, and Tastylicious.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/07/more-tainted-papaya-found-in-outbreak-investigation/>

26. *July 25, Minneapolis Star-Tribune* – (Minnesota) **Wafting poison makes fertile ground for suit in Stearns County.** A 12,000-acre organic farm in Stearns County, Minnesota was the subject of a court ruling July 25. Improperly applied pesticides repeatedly drifted over from neighboring farms, often with dire consequences. Letting damaging chemicals cross property lines is trespassing, the Minnesota Court of Appeals ruled. Since those pesticides made his crop unsalable in the organic market, the farmer is entitled to damages from the company that applied it, the Paynesville Farmers Union Cooperative Oil Co., the court said. "Whenever this happens it will give people with overspray a legal avenue to pursue," said an attorney with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, which administers pesticide enforcement regulations in the

state. And that could go for any farmer whose crop is made inedible by someone else's chemical spray, and even homeowners whose property has been damaged by a neighbor's overuse of Roundup, legal experts said. The state agriculture department said it fields 100 to 150 complaints a year from farmers about overspraying. But only about 35 a year result in some kind of financial penalty, state agriculture officials said. Source: <http://www.startribune.com/local/126151483.html>

27. *July 25, Associated Press* – (Oregon; Washington) **Rain, cold bring headaches for Northwest farmers.** Farmers in parts of Oregon and Washington are struggling with cold, wet weather that is slowing the growth of their crops. Cherries are not ripe. The region's world-class grass seed will not dry out. One Oregon county was seeking a disaster declaration after losing as much as 80 percent of its peaches and canberries. There is time for the situation to improve, but farmers said they desperately need some warmth and a break from above-normal rainfall. Source: http://www.usatoday.com/weather/news/2011-07-25-farmers-cold-wet-northwest_n.htm

28. *July 25, Food Safety News* – (Wisconsin; Illinois) **Drug residues too high at two dairies.** Antibiotic drug residues were too high in bob veal calves sold for slaughter recently by dairy farms in Wisconsin and Illinois. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) discovered the animal drug misuse during inspections of Veerer Farms at Casco, Wisconsin, and Hunter Haven Farms Inc. at Pearl City, Illinois. In an inspection from January 27 to February 16, FDA learned Veerer Farms sold a bob veal calf on or about October 6, 2010 for slaughter, which was subjected to post-mortem testing by USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS). Analysis of tissue samples showed the presence of 24.35 parts per million (ppm) of neomycin residue in the kidney. The FDA tolerance level is 7.2 ppm. With residue levels three times higher than allowed, the calf was considered adulterated. A July 8 warning letter to the Wisconsin dairy said its use of neomycin sulfate was "extralabel" and outside the "lawful order of a licensed veterinarian." In a May 11-24 inspection, the FDA found Hunter Haven Farms Inc. sold a bob veal calf on or about January 26 for slaughter as food. Afterward, the animals' tissues were tested by FSIS. It found the presence of penicillin in the uncooked edible tissue at 0.33 ppm, when the tolerance level is 0.05 ppm. Both dairies were asked to respond to regional compliance officers with information on how violations will be corrected to prevent any recurrence. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/07/drug-residues-too-high-at-two-dairies/>

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Water Sector

29. *July 26, Tulsa World* – (Oklahoma) **Thousands in Wagoner without water.** The city of Wagoner, Oklahoma, shut down its water treatment plant July 25 for a repair that could last until July 27, leaving 4,000 or more customers without water, the mayor said.

Rural Water District No. 3 in Rogers County implemented mandatory rationing for all nonessential water use. The city of Wagoner began repairs July 25 at the plant on one of two filters capable of producing 1.5 million gallons daily. A boil order was ordered for Wagoner Rural Water District No. 6, which encompasses Wagoner and the surrounding area. Repairs were expected to last through the evening July 27 to get the filter back on. The director of business development for Wagoner Community Hospital said the city's fire department delivered 600 gallons of non-potable water to the hospital July 24.

Source:

http://www.tulsaworld.com/news/article.aspx?subjectid=11&articleid=20110726_12_A9_CUTLIN675588

30. *July 26, Tuscaloosa News* – (Alabama) **North River has elevated toxins.** Water samples, taken in from the North River where coal slurry spilled the week of July 18, showed elevated levels of lead and arsenic. Tests conducted for the Alabama Surface Mining Commission showed amounts exceeded levels considered toxic to aquatic life, if exposed over long periods of time, but the level of pollutants caused by the spill were far below amounts considered dangerous to the water supply. The slurry, a waste byproduct from coal mining, overflowed from an abandoned area of an underground mine in Fayette County where Jim Walter Resources was legally pumping the watery sediment. Pumping equipment malfunctioned, causing the slurry to spill into an unnamed creek and eventually Freeman Creek, a tributary of the North River. The North River flows into Lake Tuscaloosa, which provides drinking water for the city of Tuscaloosa. Although the higher levels of lead and arsenic do not currently pose a threat to drinking water, the Black Warrior Riverkeeper said, “These are very serious pollutants. What it is ultimately going to mean for Lake Tuscaloosa and the drinking water supply I have no idea, but what it certainly means is that added pollutants are being put into the lake and that’s not a good thing.”

Source:

<http://www.tuscaloosaneews.com/article/20110726/NEWS/110729830/1007/sitemaps05?p=1&tc=pg>

31. *July 25, Navarre Press* – (Florida) **Lead found in drinking water on Navarre Beach.** Traces of lead were found in the Navarre Beach Water System drinking water in Florida, the Navarre Press reported July 25. As required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Navarre Beach Water & Sewer informed the public about the discovery, stating most homes on the beach had very low levels of lead in the water, but some homes had levels of 0.0015 milligrams of lead per liter of water. The Santa Rosa County Health Department environmental health director said the level was a minuscule amount. The health department becomes involved with lead concerns when children have high levels in their system. “But it’s not normally from drinking water. It’s usually from eating something with lead-based paint,” the director said.

Source: <http://www.navarrepress.com/news/16/3746-lead-found-in-drinking-water-on-navarre-beach>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

32. *July 25, Federal Computer Week* – (National) **Veterans Health Administration has gaps in managing its contracts with medical schools.** According to a new report from the Veterans Affairs (VA) Office of Inspector General (IG) the Veterans Health Administration's (VHA) management problems with contracts with affiliated medical institutions and providers resulted in missed opportunities for saving up to \$174 million from 2006 to 2010, and cutting costs by up to 31 percent on those services. The contracting problems include lack of acquisition planning, contracting officers unable to fulfill their responsibilities, requirements and duties not clearly defined, and interim contracting authority misused. The VHA has had numerous difficulties implementing requirements of VA Directive 1663 issued in 2005 covering such contracts, the July 21 IG's report said. The problems include insufficient management resources, gaps in training, ongoing poor planning, problematic use of pricing data, and continued concern about conflicts of interest. Under the law, the VHA has authority to enter into sole-source contracts with affiliated academic institutions and teaching hospitals to help train professionals in VA facilities.

Source: <http://few.com/articles/2011/07/25/vha-has-many-problems-in-its-contracts-with-medical-schools-oig-says.aspx>

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Government Facilities Sector

33. *July 25, Washington Post* – (District of Columbia) **Suspicious package cleared at Canadian Embassy.** Authorities cleared a suspicious package at the Canadian Embassy, Washington D.C. fire officials said July 25. The embassy had been evacuated and a street closed as authorities investigated the report, fire officials said. Authorities responded to the call in the 500 block of Pennsylvania Avenue around 9 a.m., said a District of Columbia fire department spokesman. A U.S. Secret Service spokesman said C Street was closed between 5th and 6th streets. WLJA 7 Washington reported the investigation had closed the entrances to the District of Columbia Superior and Circuit court buildings.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/post_now/post/canadian-embassy-evacuated-for-report-of-suspicious-package/2011/07/25/gIQAfLjYYI_blog.html

34. *July 24, Associated Press* – (New Mexico) **Airman shot by MPs at Holloman AFB.** An U.S. Air Force airman who was involved in an early-morning dispute at Holloman Air Force Base (AFB) in Alamogordo, New Mexico, was shot by military police officers July 24. A Holloman AFB spokeswoman said the injured airman was flown to El Paso for treatment, and was in critical condition. The shooting occurred around 1:50 a.m. July 24. No details were available on the circumstances that led up to the shooting.

Source: <http://www.airforcetimes.com/news/2011/07/ap-airman-shot-MPs-hollman-air-base-072511/>

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Emergency Services Sector

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Information Technology Sector

35. *July 26, Softpedia* – (International) **Serious SSL bug patched in iOS.** Apple released security updates for its iOS mobile platform to address a serious SSL validation vulnerability that allows attackers to compromise secure communications. The flaw affects X.509 certificate chains and was patched by improving validation in the newly released iOS 4.3.5 for iPhone (GSM), iPod touch and iPad, and iOS 4.2.10 for iPhone (CDMA). "A certificate chain validation issue existed in the handling of X.509 certificates. An attacker with a privileged network position may capture or modify data in sessions protected by SSL/TLS," Apple wrote in its advisory. "Other attacks involving X.509 certificate validation may also be possible," the iDevice maker noted. The vendor credits researchers from Reurity Labs, and Trustwave's SpiderLabs for discovering the flaw. Due to the serious impact this vulnerability can have on privacy, users were encouraged to upgrade to the new iOS versions as soon as possible.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Serious-SSL-Bug-Patched-in-iOS-213405.shtml>

36. *July 26, The Register* – (International) **Phishers go after your Google AdWords account.** Cyber criminals launched a "Google AdWords" phishing campaign to try and trick users into disclosing sensitive log-in credentials to a fake, newly registered Web site. Spam messages promoting the ruse falsely claim a recipient's campaign has been stopped and they need to login to their "Adwords account" to reactivate it. The widely distributed spam messages link to a realistic replica of the Google AdWords page, net security firm Sophos warned. The dodgy site — google-oa(dot)net — was registered the week of July 25. Google AdWords accounts normally use the same log-in credentials as other associated Google accounts (Gmail, Google Docs, etc.). Fraudsters behind the scam may be just as interested in these accounts as in compromised access to Google AdWords accounts.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/07/26/google_adwords_phishing_scam/

37. *July 26, H Security* – (International) **Apple details iWork 9.1 security fixes.** Five days after it was released, Apple provided details of the security related changes in iWork 9.1, also referred to as "iWork Update 6." As well as adding support for Mac OS X 10.7 Lion, the latest update to the iWork 09 office suite — comprising Pages

(documents), Numbers (spreadsheets), and Keynote (presentations) — addresses three security holes. According to Apple, buffer overflow and memory corruption issues in Numbers could be used by an attacker to crash the application or execute arbitrary code. A memory corruption bug in Pages when handling Microsoft Word documents that could lead to arbitrary code execution has also been fixed. For an attack to be successful, a victim must first open a specially crafted malicious Excel or Word file. Two of the vulnerabilities were reported by researchers working with TippingPoint's Zero Day Initiative, and a researcher who worked with VeriSign iDefense Labs. Versions 9.0 to 9.05 are affected.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Apple-details-iWork-9-1-security-fixes-1285615.html>

38. *July 25, threatpost* – (International) **New Mac backdoor Olyx found bundled with Windows malware.** Security researchers discovered a new piece of malware that targets Mac OS X users and installs a remote-control backdoor on compromised machines. The malware, called Olyx, was discovered in a package that also contained Windows malware. Researchers said the Mac backdoor is remarkably similar to the Gh0st RAT used in the Ghostnet attacks in 2009. The Olyx backdoor was discovered by researchers at Microsoft, who found it paired with a malicious Windows executable in a package called "PortalCurrent events-2009 July 5(dot)rar." Upon analyzing the package, researchers found there were two files: the Olyx backdoor targeting Mac users, and an executable called "Video-Current events 2009 July 5(dot)exe." That executable also is signed with a valid digital certificate issued by a Chinese company. The certificate, which was valid at the time the file was signed, has been revoked since then, Microsoft said. The second binary is called Current events 2009 July 5 Mach-O. "The Mach-O binary file targets Mac OS X users," researchers said. They noted it installs and runs in the background without root or administrator privileges. It disguises itself as a Google application support file by creating a folder named "google" in the /Library/Application Support directory, where the backdoor installs as "startp." It also keeps a copy in the temporary folder as "google.tmp." It creates "www.google(dot)com.tstart.plist" in the /Library/LaunchAgents, to ensure that it launches the backdoor only once when the user logs in — this applies to all accounts on the system," the researchers added "The backdoor initiates a remote connection request to an IP address, where it continues to make attempts until established." Once the compromised machine is able to connect to the remote server, the attacker has the ability to download new files to the Mac, upload data stored on the machine, and move through its file system.

Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/new-mac-backdoor-olyx-found-bundled-windows-malware-072511

39. *July 25, IDG News Service* – (International) **Intel acknowledges SSD 320 bug, plans firmware upgrade.** Intel July 24 acknowledged a bug could cause its SSD 320 solid-state drives to fail, and said a firmware upgrade is on its way to address the problem. In some instances, a power loss may cause Intel's SSD 320 drives to crash and lose data. On rebooting the system, the system BIOS could report the SSD as having only 8MB of storage capacity. Intel 2 weeks ago said the error was possibly a bug, and that the issue was being investigated. "Intel has reproduced 'Bad Context 13x Error' utilizing

strenuous testing methods," an Intel spokeswoman said. "This 'Bad Context 13x Error' can be addressed via a firmware update and Intel is in the process of validating the firmware update. A future update will define the schedule to deliver the firmware fix."

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9218624/Intel_acknowledges_SSD_320_bug_plans_firmware_upgrade

40. *July 25, Help Net Security* – (International) **SecurID users targeted by fake NSA email.** RSA's SecurID token users have been targeted with fake e-mails supposedly coming from the U.S. National Security Agency (NSA) urging them to update their token code. The address from which the e-mails are sent has been spoofed and says "protection@nsa(dot)security.gov," but the offered malicious links take the victim to the national-security-agency(dot)com domain, which according to Cyveillance, was registered only the day before the spam run was started. "A critical vulnerability has been discovered in a certain types of our token devices," warns the e-mail, counting on the fact the user is already aware of the RSA hack executed earlier in 2011, and its implications for the security of the company's SecurID tokens. The authors of the e-mail also appropriated the NSA and Central Security Service logos to give an appearance of legitimacy to the warning. But it appears they did not pay attention to the construction of the text itself, which contains several spelling mistakes. Cyveillance did not explicitly say what the "security token update" offered for download is, but it is likely to be a malicious executable.

Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=1783

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Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at sos@us-cert.gov 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

41. *July 26, Leavenworth Times* – (Kansas) **Repair of damaged radio tower to be delayed.** One way or another, the Leavenworth County Commission in Kansas said July 25 they would like to fix a communication tower recently damaged during a thunderstorm. But the commission said they would like to wait to actually get those repairs online as its insurance company considers a claim related to the damage. A county director of buildings and grounds said the tower in DeSoto, Kansas, that is part of the Leavenworth County public safety communication system through an agreement with Johnson County, was thought to be struck by lightning during the storms of July 12. That incident caused the tower's generator to get stuck in the "on" position, which in turn burned out the starter and damaged other electronics, he said. Since then, he said

the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) has investigated and surveyed the damage. The repair was estimated to take about 8 weeks, the spokesman said, while replacement could take as little as 2 weeks. Given that the tower was part of the emergency communications grid, the county commissioner said he would rather replace the generator immediately. The county counselor suggested the county still make the tower operational “as soon as possible” to avoid potential liability should an incident occur because of the damage. The undersheriff said the tower was operational and will remain so as long as it has access to electricity. And if the power should go out, he said he was confident the nearest towers, in Tonganoxie and Bonner Springs, could provide nearly complete coverage in the southern portion of the county. He said the service provider for the communication system, Motorola, was inspecting the tower to ensure it was properly grounded.

Source: <http://www.leavenworthtimes.com/topstories/x1259743269/Repair-of-damaged-radio-tower-to-be-delayed>

42. *July 25, Cincinnati Enquirer* – (Ohio) **Lightning sets off warning signals, hits Union Twp. communications center.** Some warning sirens went off July 24 in Union Township, Ohio, for the second time in a week without being activated. Lightning struck two towers in Union Township activating sirens and disrupting the Union Township Communications Center, said the Clermont County Communications Center director. The towers were in Mt. Carmel at Ohio 32, and the one on top of the Union Township Communications Center. The sirens went off about 4:45 p.m. The same thing happened July 20, the communications director said. That incident also was because lightning struck towers in and around Union Township, but the exact ones have not been determined. Crews will be inspecting the towers the week of July 25 to make sure all the equipment is protected properly, he said. “It appears we suffered a lightning strike to the community center,” a lieutenant with the Union Township Police Department said. When the strike happened, the backup systems maintained operations while the whole system rebooted, he said. Residents should not have noticed any disruption in service. The communications center suffered minimal damage, the lieutenant said. Officials were accessing operations and equipment July 25, but daily operations were normal.

Source:

<http://local.cincinnati.com/community/Story.aspx?c=100103&url=http://cincinnati.com/blogs/considerthisclermont/2011/07/25/lightning-sets-off-warning-signals-hits-union-twp-communications-center/>

43. *July 25, Associated Press* – (Nebraska) **Prairie dogs chewed through cable, causing phone, internet outage in western Nebraska.** Prairie dogs got the blame for an Internet and phone outage in western Nebraska July 25. Officials with Charter Communications said prairie dogs apparently chewed through some buried fiber optic cable about 2 miles away from Ogallala. The problem was discovered July 25. A spokeswoman told KNEB radio in Scottsbluff that there were hundreds of prairie dog mounds in the area, and it took time to find the cut and get it repaired. Service was rerouted and repairs were completed about 7 hours later.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/abfc3ea4f5de436aa227723aa15b0a3f/NE--Phone-Outage/>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

44. *July 26, The Register* – (International) **BET24 warns over data breach – 19 months later.** BET24.com warned customers July 25 their personal data may have been exposed by a breach that took place in December 2009. The gambling site is only warning clients 19 months after the breach, although it said it had taken other measures, including resetting passwords, at the time of the breach. The warning follows the arrest of a suspect found in "possession of unauthorized copies of personal customer information relating to various companies including BET24." Data stolen from BET24 included customer names, addresses, e-mail addresses, user account IDs, account passwords, and encrypted payment card numbers. BET24 admitted the stolen data had been used in instances of fraud on its site, at least, adding victims had been reimbursed. Hackers obtained the information after gaining access to BET24's database. The gambling site said it is continuing to work with police authorities in their investigation into the breach.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/07/26/bet24_security_breach/

45. *July 26, WRC 4 District of Columbia* – (Maryland) **Gas leak forces evacuation in Silver Spring.** A close call for residents of a Silver Spring, Maryland apartment complex occurred July 26. A broken hot water heater created a carbon monoxide leak. Fire officials said the gas was then spread into several units by the fan inside an HVAC unit. It happened around 1:30 a.m., but some residents were awake at that hour. When they began to feel sick, they dialed 911. Rescue crews woke up other residents and evacuated the building. Eleven people were transported and treated at the hospital. None of the injuries were considered serious.

Source: <http://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/DC-Carbon-Monoxide-Leak-Forces-Silver-Spring-Evacuation-126163633.html>

46. *July 26, Gardnerville Record Courier* – (California) **Fire forces evacuation of campground.** An 81-acre wildfire closed Indian Creek Campground in Alpine County, California overnight July 25 into July 26. The campground and the Alpine County Airport were threatened by the fire, first reported at 1:15 p.m. Burning in Ponderosa pine, grass, and brush, the fire started near Indian Creek Reservoir. Firefighters built a line halfway around the blaze by 6 p.m. July 25, stopping its forward progress. Four handcrews and nine engines made up most of the 125 firefighters battling the blaze. Airport Road, the only access from Highway 89 to the airport and campground, was closed until early July 26. The California Highway Patrol closed Diamond Valley and Airport roads to all but emergency fire traffic. No homes are located in the immediate area. Three air tankers and a helicopter worked on the fire early on, but were released in the evening. Units on scene were expected to be able to contain the fire. No time for

the containment of the fire has been determined, fire officials said.

Source:

<http://www.nevadaappeal.com/article/20110726/NEWS/110729813/1070&ParentProfile=1058>

47. *July 25, Associated Press* – (International) **Norway rampage culprit held in isolation.** The self-described perpetrator of Norway's deadly bombing and shooting rampage was ordered held in solitary confinement July 25. The suspect, who has admitted bombing the capital and opening fire on a youth group retreat on an island resort, told authorities he expects to spend the rest of his life in prison. Hundreds thronged the courthouse, hoping to get their first glimpse of the man blamed for the deaths of 76 people — lowered July 25 from 93. Police believe the 32-year-old suspect acted alone, despite his grand claims in a 1,500-page manifesto that he belonged to a modern group of crusaders. But they have not completely ruled out that he had accomplices. The judge ordered the suspect held for 8 weeks, including 4 in isolation, noting his reference to "two more cells within our organization." Police revealed they had dramatically overcounted the number of people slain in the shooting spree on Utoya island, lowering the death toll there from 86 to 68. A police spokesman said police and rescuers were focused on helping survivors and securing the area, and may have counted some bodies twice, though he did not immediately explain how the errors occurred. Police also raised the toll from a bombing outside the government's headquarters in Oslo from seven to eight.

Source: <http://www.westport-news.com/news/article/Norway-police-lower-youth-camp-death-toll-to-68-1580658.php>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

48. *July 26, KZTV 10 Corpus Christi* – (California) **California firefighters battle huge wildfire.** Steep, rocky terrain was making it difficult for firefighters struggling to complete containment lines around a nearly 20-square-mile California wildfire burning on a remote American Indian reservation in northeast San Diego County. The 12,700-acre blaze was 45 percent surrounded late July 25, but there was no estimate on full containment, a spokesman for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection said. The 6-day-old fire slowed July 25 due to higher humidity levels from a monsoonal weather system that moved in from the south, but the terrain was hampering firefighters' efforts to complete 11 miles of containment lines. The fire broke out July 21 on the Los Coyotes Indian Reservation, and has since moved into Anza-Borrego State Park. Six firefighters have reported minor injuries, mostly heat exhaustion. Eight air tankers were streaking over areas just ahead of fire lines in an effort to thwart the advance of flames while 22 helicopters bombarded hot spots with water drops. There were 2,133 firefighters on the lines. The Borrego Palm Canyon Campground and Trail, and the Los Valley Boy Scout Camp have been closed. The cause of the fire has not

been determined.

Source: <http://www.kztv10.com/news/california-firefighters-battle-huge-wildfire/>

49. *July 26, Contra Costa Times and KGO 7 San Francisco* – (California) **Gunmen attack East Bay Regional Park District police officer.** An East Bay Regional Park District police officer in Moraga, California had to be rescued July 25 after he was shot at by multiple people while on patrol in a rugged area of park lands near Moraga and Canyon, police said. The officer called dispatch about 7 p.m. asking for help after he said he was fired upon by assailants with automatic rifles. Police said he returned fire, but it was unclear if he struck anyone. Officers from Moraga, Lafayette, and the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office were summoned to safely retrieve the officer and search for the gunmen. With the help of an armored car, the officer was rescued uninjured, a park district police captain said. Authorities continued to search with helicopters for the suspects, but called off the search when darkness fell. Camino Pablo in Moraga was shut down and Rancho Laguna Park evacuated during the operation. Police suspect the shooters may have been protecting a drug-growing operation in the hills, but the police captain had no idea of its magnitude. A search for suspects and evidence of drug activity in the area was expected to continue July 26.

Source: http://www.contracostatimes.com/ci_18548089?source=most_viewed

50. *July 25, USA Today* – (Alaska) **Bear seriously injures teens hiking in Alaska.** The two teens seriously injured by a grizzly bear in an attack July 23 in Alaska are in improved condition, a spokeswoman at Anchorage's Providence Alaska Medical Center said July 25. A 17-year-old from Denver was in good condition, and a 17-year-old from New City, New York was in serious condition. A mother grizzly with a cub attacked a group of seven teens hiking in Alaska's Talkeetna Mountains, the Anchorage Daily News reported. The attack took place as the seven, part of a wilderness survival course, were crossing a river in an area near popular Denali National Park, reports said. Two of the teens received life-threatening wounds, and others suffered injuries, either from the bear or from exposure to the elements, the daily news said.

Source: <http://travel.usatoday.com/destinations/dispatches/post/2011/07/bear-seriously-injures-hiking-teens-in-alaska/178406/1>

51. *July 25, Associated Press* – (California) **Pot raids under way across 6 Calif counties.** Anti-drug agents are conducting raids across six Northern California counties in a major operation to rid the Mendocino National Forest of illegal marijuana farms. A California Department of Justice spokeswoman said the raids have netted nearly 300,000 marijuana plants, and led to 77 arrests as of July 25. The newspaper reports the operation involving hundreds of local, state, and federal law enforcement officials began early the week of July 18, and was initially kept secret. The latest raids span Mendocino, Lake, Colusa, Glenn, Tehama, and Trinity counties.

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2011/07/25/3793949/pot-raids-under-way-across-6-calif.html>

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Dams Sector

52. *July 26, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **Debris in West Bank levee confirmed by Corps of Engineers inspectors.** A contractor raising a levee south of Westwego, Louisiana, dismissed concerns about woody debris in the clay used to build the levee, and repeatedly refused to cooperate with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' efforts to address the problem, according to reports by Corps inspectors. The West Bank levee authority released reports July 25, and asked the Corps to take steps to ensure the 3.5-mile levee is being built to the proper specifications. The president of the levee authority's board said the reports reinforce the authority's inspections, which identified the project as one of three West Bank levee-raising projects that have had persistent problems with debris in the levee material, primarily tree limbs, concrete chunks, and large rocks. The district commander of the Corps' New Orleans district told the levee board July 25 the levee is structurally sound, and outlined a three-pronged plan to address the debris concerns. The commander also said a team of Corps engineers from outside the New Orleans district would evaluate the levee. Corps inspectors said the contractor repeatedly placed dirt on the levee "prior to picking out large pieces of objectionable debris." Each time the response was the same: "Contractor personnel continues to claim that the material is within 'spec' when asked to remove this debris."

Source:

http://www.nola.com/hurricane/index.ssf/2011/07/debris_in_west_bank_levee_rais.htm
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53. *July 26, Irish Times* – (International) **Dam shutdown leaves 4,000 Donegal homes without water.** Officials reported July 25 up to 4,000 households in Ireland were left without water over the weekend of July 23 and 24 due to an automatic shutdown at a dam in Donegal County. Homes in parts of the Inishowen peninsula had no supply of water during the hot weather July 24 and July 25 due to a fault at Eddie Fullerton Dam near Buncrana. The Donegal County Council senior engineer said the dam automatically shut down when a fault occurred during the chemical cleansing process. He said the supply of a chemical used to gather peat, soil, and sediment from the water stopped about midday July 24. The dam then shut down as part of its safety mechanisms.

Source: <http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/ireland/2011/0726/1224301383239.html>

54. *July 26, Pakistan Express Tribune* – (International) **Spillways open: Lethargy and ignorance make it 'dangerous'.** The spillways of Rawal Dam in Islamabad, Pakistan, were opened at 1:30 p.m. July 25 as the reservoir reached 1748.3 feet, close to maximum level. The city administration was displeased with the management of the situation by Small Dam Organization due to a miscommunication between the Small Dam Organization and Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT). An official at the control room of ICT said almost 3 hours passed after the gates were opened before they were informed about the opening of the spillways. The deputy commissioner of Islamabad expressed his concern and said, "During heavy rains it could be too dangerous to releases huge amount of water simultaneously as it can cause a huge disaster."

Source: <http://tribune.com.pk/story/217462/spillways-open-lethargy-and-ignorance-make-it-dangerous/>

55. *July 25, St. Joseph News-Press* – (Missouri) **Holt County battles latest levee scare.** Part of the structure of one of Holt County’s few remaining levees, Federal Levee No. 488-L in Forest City, Missouri, slid into the Mississippi River July 23 due to pressure from the standing water. “It’s just had water against for so long, it just got a soft spot in it and slid off into the river,” the Holt County emergency management director said. The slide-off was repaired with rock by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers the weekend of July 23 and 24. The Corps dumped more than 3,000 tons of rock in an attempt to redirect the river flow. No breach occurred, but the situation is one that is likely to happen again to other levees. Floodwaters have been around for more than a month, and are likely to stick around for a longer period, according to officials. ”Any of [the levees], really, could fail any time pretty quickly because they’re just saturated. It’s just a matter where and if,” the Holt County emergency management director said.

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