



# Homeland Security

## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 29 July 2011

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- A new survey of global oil and gas IT executives found only half of the respondents have put in place a strategy to address information security threats, according to Infosecurity. (See item [3](#))
- A massive water main break in the Bronx in New York City closed major transportation routes, damaged 12 blocks of businesses and homes, and knocked out gas service to hundreds, WABC 7 New York reports. (See item [26](#))

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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 28, Dickinson Press* – (North Dakota) **Golden Valley oil well still burning after explosion.** It will take several more days before crews can begin to get a burning oil well in Golden Valley County, North Dakota, that injured three men under control, officials said. Cyclone Drilling, Inc. employees were working on the site 30 miles northeast of Beach when “natural gas flowing uncontrolled out of the well was ignited by rig engines or electrical systems,” causing an explosion July 24 said the director of

the North Dakota Department of Mineral Resources. The well has been burning ever since. The vice president of public affairs for Continental Resources, which owns the well, described the flame coming out of the well as similar to a pilot light and getting weaker. However, the flame flared intermittently, sending flames as high as 40 feet in the air, he added. Well fire specialists from Texas-based Wild Well Control Inc. were working to get it under control, the Continental vice president said. He does not know when the fire will be extinguished, but well control operations will begin in 4 to 6 days, he said. The well site is restricted, and members of the public are not allowed within miles of it due to safety concerns, the Golden Valley County emergency manager said. Source: <http://www.thedickinsonpress.com/event/article/id/49948/>

2. *July 28, WNBC 4 New York* – (New York) **Explosion at power plant rattles Astoria.** An explosion July 27 in the basement of a Con Edison power plant was loud enough to rattle windows in homes in the Astoria section of Queens, New York. The blast at USPowerGen, which supplies power to Con Ed, knocked out one of the plants four generators. One firefighter suffered heat-related injuries, and one power worker was taken in for a precautionary exam. Nothing outside of the plant was damaged, but some interior walls were blown out within the basement where the explosion occurred. USPowerGen said air quality checks were done to make sure no asbestos was released from the blast, and that those tests came back clear. The blown generator gives off about 350 megawatts of power. There was some concern from local leaders that if there is another round of very hot weather, the loss of power could become a problem, potentially causing outages or brownouts. Source: <http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/126293213.html>
3. *July 27, Infosecurity* – (International) **Half of oil and gas companies have no information security strategy in place.** Only half of oil and gas companies have put in place a strategy to address information security threats, according to a survey of oil and gas IT executives by IDC Energy Insights. The survey of global IT executives also found oil and gas companies still lag behind other industries in formulating, approving, and executing information security policies, as well as getting buy-in from senior management. Of the top three information security threats perceived by oil and gas companies, the greatest is state or industrial espionage, followed by employee error or accidental loss of sensitive information, and vulnerabilities owing to insecure code, the survey noted. In addition, 55 percent of survey respondents indicated an expected increase in their information security budget over the next 12 months. Only 10 percent of the respondents said they are using regulatory compliance as a requirement to justify budgets. In fact, almost 25 percent of respondents said the regulatory environment was a barrier to ensuring information security. Source: <http://www.infosecurity-us.com/view/19702/>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

4. *July 28, Associated Press* – (California) **Freight train derails in rural California desert.** Residents of 250 homes remained evacuated the morning of July 28 after a freight train derailed in the high desert of Los Angeles County, toppling 21 cars and triggering a search for chemical leaks. No one was injured after 21 of 68 cars toppled off the tracks July 27 in Littlerock, California, a Union Pacific spokesman said. Six of the derailed cars that typically carry hazardous materials were empty, he said. Nonetheless, a hazardous materials team inspected the cars in case there were residual substances inside that may have leaked. The cars had residual chlorine and hydrogen fluoride, but experts found no leaks, a Los Angeles County fire inspector said. Officials said an evacuation of residents living near the derailed train would remain in place until later July 28 when crews can upright the cars and check further. "The danger's not over until we right those cars," a sheriff's lieutenant said. The tank cars were designed to withstand a derailment by having the wheels come off one side of the track and the tanks fall down the other side, the county fire deputy chief said July 27. "They're designed to take a hit like they took today, and that's why we didn't have any leak," he said.  
Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/n/a/2011/07/28/national/a013416D27.DTL>
5. *July 28, Detroit Free Press* – (National) **DuPont acknowledges its herbicide is responsible for tree damage.** Chemical giant DuPont acknowledged July 27 that its herbicide Imprelis is responsible for injuring some tree species — primarily Norway spruce and white pines. In a letter to lawn care professionals, the global business leader for DuPont Professional Products said an ongoing review found tree injuries associated with Imprelis. The reports of problems are concentrated in a geographic area that includes Minnesota, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Wisconsin, the letter noted. "We sincerely regret any tree injuries that Imprelis may have caused and will work with you to promptly and fairly resolve problems associated with our product," the DuPont official wrote. The letter follows several lawsuits — in which class-action status is being sought — filed across the country in the last 2 weeks against the Delaware-based company. In one lawsuit, an Indiana woman is seeking at least \$5 million. Imprelis, which is sold only to licensed lawn care professionals, was approved for use last fall. Some trees experienced curling and browning in the weeks after the herbicide was applied to lawns. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) said it will conduct an expedited review, and is requiring DuPont to submit detailed information about the incidents by July 29, an EPA spokesman said. He noted the agency also "has directed DuPont to determine the cause of the damage to the conifers." The DuPont official said 20 independent arborist companies have been contracted to work with lawn care businesses to "evaluate your claim." DuPont is launching a Web site, [imprelis-facts.com](http://imprelis-facts.com), to carry the latest information about Imprelis, and make it easier for people to report problems. DuPont also is establishing a toll-free hotline, which will go live August 1.  
Source: [http://news.bostonherald.com/news/national/general/view/20110728dupont\\_acknowledges\\_its\\_herbicide\\_is\\_responsible\\_for\\_tree\\_damage/srvc=home&position=recent](http://news.bostonherald.com/news/national/general/view/20110728dupont_acknowledges_its_herbicide_is_responsible_for_tree_damage/srvc=home&position=recent)

6. *July 28, American Chemical Society* – (National) **Study finds harmful haloacetic acids in the urine of pool workers, swimmers.** The first scientific measurements in humans show potentially harmful haloacetic acids (HAAs) appear in the urine of swimmers within 30 minutes after exposure to chlorinated water where HAAs form as a byproduct of that water disinfection method. Reported in American Chemical Society journal *Environmental Science & Technology*, the study found HAAs appeared in the urine of swimming pool workers. The study's authors noted government rules in the United States and Europe limit the levels of HAAs that can appear in drinking water, also purified mainly by chlorination. The limits stem from research suggesting elevated levels of HAAs in municipal drinking water supplies may be linked to birth defects, and a higher incidence of some cancers. However, few studies have examined HAA exposure from swimming pools, where water may contain higher levels due to recirculation systems that lengthen water's exposure to chlorine, and provide more time for HAAs to form. The University of Louisville researchers measured HAA levels in the urine of 49 volunteers who swam in or worked around an indoor and outdoor pool. "The results showed that HAAs appeared 20-30 minutes after exposure and were eliminated [from the body] within three hours," they noted. Over 90 percent of the exposures probably occurred as a result of swallowing pool water. Far fewer HAAs were inhaled or taken in through the skin. Children were more likely than adults to have a high concentration of HAAs after swimming, and swimmers accumulated HAAs almost four times as fast as people working around the pool.  
Source: <http://www.news-medical.net/news/20110728/Study-finds-harmful-haloacetic-acids-in-the-urine-of-pool-workers-swimmers.aspx>
7. *July 28, WCTI 12 New Bern* – (North Carolina) **Perdue: No sulfur smelting in Morehead City.** A Canadian company has agreed to withdraw plans for a proposed sulfur-processing plant in Morehead City, North Carolina, after the governor intervened and agreed to help PCS Phosphates look for another site, the governor said July 27. The governor said she was responding to concerns of local residents to talk with company officials about overwhelming opposition to the proposal, which had been kept quiet for months as part of a confidentiality agreement with the state department of commerce. The governor said she rarely gets involved in business permitting, preferring to let the rules and regulations set up by the state run their course. But she did this time because the situation involved state land. Morehead City residents became outraged when news of the smelting plant became public last month. It was unclear whether the waterway will need to be altered for the storage facility the company now wants to build. The governor said PCS Phosphates will go ahead with plans to build a warehouse at the port for dry sulfur pellets. If allowed, the facility would be limited to 150 feet in height — the same size as smokestacks included in the original smelting proposal, the governor said. She said residents would have opportunities to review and comment on the warehouse during the permitting process. A member of the Clean County Coalition was unhappy about the warehouse. "Storing sulfur pellets is far more dangerous than any melting plant," he said. Dust from solid sulfur is toxic and potentially explosive. Major ports across North America, from Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada to Newark, New Jersey, store the mineral. But the Clean County Coalition member said those ports are better equipped to handle the substance. "The difference is those sulfur facilities are not in a tourist area downtown," he said. The governor said she had signed an executive

order requiring the North Carolina Ports Authority to commission a study of "community-compatible" activities at port facilities.

Source: <http://www.wcti12.com/news/28685283/detail.html>

8. *July 26, KFOX 14 El Paso* – (New Mexico) **Helena chemical plant starts soil cleanup.** Workers were digging up the soil at the Helena Chemical plant in Mesquite, New Mexico, July 26, and putting in new clean soil. It's all part of a mandate by the New Mexico Environment Department after accidental spills caused nitrates to seep into the ground. "We're moving these soils and taking them and putting them in dump trucks, and then we'll be shipping down to the local landfill," said the vice president of remedial services for Ensafe. Nitrates are a salt byproduct of fertilizer, and officials said they are safe as long as they do not exceed the legal limit of 10 milligrams per liter. They said the only affected areas are at the facility itself, mainly between the fertilizer warehouse building, and the Del Rio Drainage Ditch. They said the nitrate-contaminated soil has not spread to nearby homes or farms, or into anyone's drinking water. "It's not that toxic or overly hazardous," the vice president said. The July 26 dig was the first of three that will be spread out at the plant over the next 6 months. Workers kept the soil moist and dirt mounds covered to prevent excess dust from circulating.

Source: <http://www.kfoxtv.com/news/28674645/detail.html>

9. *July 26, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (New York) **EPA finalizes plan to remove contaminated soil from Nepera Chemical Superfund site.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency July 26 released an amended plan to remove contaminated soil from former lagoons at the Nepera Chemical Company, Inc. Superfund site in Hamptonburgh, N.Y. The EPA developed three options to address soil contaminated with potentially harmful volatile organic compounds, and has selected excavation and off-site disposal of the contaminated soil as the cleanup method. Excavation of the contaminated soil will begin later this summer, and will take several months. The EPA held a public meeting and a public comment period to gather input on the three options. About 7,000 people live within 3 miles of the site. This plan amends EPA's 2007 cleanup plan, which called for excavating contaminated soil and treating the soil on-site to degrade contaminants, but not removing the soil from the site. The 2007 plan also included the treatment of contaminated groundwater. The groundwater treatment plan will not change. Subsurface soil at the Nepera Chemical site contains many contaminants, including semi-volatile and volatile organic compounds. People could be harmed if they ingest or come into contact with contaminated soil or water. Groundwater samples from nearby residential wells and three public supply wells have not revealed site-related contamination. Additionally, the site is fenced to limit the potential for exposure to site-related surface soil contamination.

Source: <http://www.manufacturing.net/News/Feeds/2011/07/mnet-mnet-industry-focus-environmental-epa-finalizes-plan-to-remove-contaminated-soil-fro/>

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

10. *July 28, Toledo Blade* – (Ohio) **NRC lists 2 Davis-Besse issues.** Two direct-current electrical systems at the Davis-Besse nuclear power plant in Ottawa County, Ohio, were in "an unanalyzed condition that significantly degrades plant safety" for years, according to an event report posted July 28 on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Web site. In its report, FirstEnergy Corp. recognized that backup lift oil pump motors were not "environmentally qualified" with an emergency lighting panel inside the nuclear containment area. "This could challenge the adequacy of electrical separation between the potentially grounded nonsafety related equipment and the safety related batteries [in the event of an accident]," the utility stated. FirstEnergy's report to the NRC also said a ground fault in automatic transfer switches "could be transferred from one power source to the redundant source, potentially impacting the ability of both safety-related DC power sources to perform their required functions." A FirstEnergy spokeswoman said the issues were recently corrected.  
Source: <http://www.toledoblade.com/local/2011/07/28/NRC-lists-2-Davis-Besse-issues.html>
11. *July 27, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **Calvert Cliffs nuclear plant security faulted.** Federal nuclear safety inspectors found unspecified "security deficiencies" at the Calvert Cliffs nuclear power plant in Lusby, Maryland, earlier this year, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) disclosed July 27. An NRC spokesman said the agency could not reveal the nature of the problem or discuss why it had conducted a special inspection of the plant from Jan. 26 through July 13. The five-member commission has refused since the 2001 terrorist attacks to release information about security, out of concern it might help people or groups seeking to attack or sabotage a nuclear plant, the spokesman said. But the finding was deemed of "at least low to moderate significance" and further NRC scrutiny may be warranted, he said. In a letter to the plant's operator, the NRC's reactor safety director said the inspectors' finding suggested a broader failure by plant management to get staff to follow prescribed procedures.  
Source: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/business/bs-bz-calvert-cliffs-20110727,0,5998304.story>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

12. *July 27, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Alabama) **US Department of Labor's OSHA cites 2 companies at Hamilton, Ala., plant; proposes more than \$112,000 in fines.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has cited NTN-Bower Corp., and on-site contractor Advanced Technology Services Inc. for 19 safety and health violations at NTN-Bower's Hamilton, Alabama, plant. Proposed penalties total \$112,200 following a January inspection, which was a follow-up to a 2009 inspection. NTN-Bower is one of the largest manufacturers of precision roller bearings used in industrial and agricultural equipment, with its main office located in Macomb, Illinois. Advanced Technology Services Inc. is

headquartered in Peoria, Illinois, and performs maintenance support activities. NTN-Bower was cited for a repeat safety violation for failing to label hazardous chemical containers. Additionally, 10 serious safety violations included: not requiring employees working with corrosive chemicals to wear eye, face, hand or body protection; failing to have an eyewash station or other means available for drenching; not protecting a battery charger from being damaged by trucks; failing to secure and balance crane loads; missing machine guarding; having an electrical disconnect switch not readily accessible. Two serious health violations included not establishing a baseline hearing test for employees, and failing to follow up with annual tests. Advanced Technology was cited for six serious safety violations for: allowing unguarded, open-sided platforms to not have handrails; not providing a landing platform for ladders when employees had to step a distance greater than 12 inches; failing to provide an evaluation of confined space rescue and emergency services; having disconnect switches that were not marked with their purpose; blocking disconnect switches in the tool room.

Source:

[http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=NEWS\\_RELEASES&p\\_id=20367](http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=20367)

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

13. *July 27, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Unmanned Army blimp brought down in Pa. woods.** A remote-controlled, unmanned reconnaissance blimp launched from Ohio by defense contractor Lockheed Martin was brought down July 27 in a controlled descent in the woods of southwestern Pennsylvania after it was unable to climb to the desired altitude. The HALE-D blimp was designed to float above the jet stream at 60,000 feet and can be used for reconnaissance, intelligence, and other purposes often accomplished by satellites, but at lower cost. The blimp was being tested as a communications relay device as part of a contract Lockheed Martin has with the Army's Space and Missile Defense Command, a Lockheed spokesman told the Associated Press. The blimp got to 32,000 feet but could not climb higher, so controllers in Akron, Ohio, decided to bring it down with a "controlled descent" in a sparsely populated area, some heavy woods near New Freeport, Pennsylvania, about 45 miles southeast of Pittsburgh.

Source: [http://www.pantagraph.com/news/national/article\\_57064ac3-71b8-5ac3-93c1-3de8312757fd.html](http://www.pantagraph.com/news/national/article_57064ac3-71b8-5ac3-93c1-3de8312757fd.html)

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

14. *July 28, Associated Press* – (New York) **Man disguised as armored truck guard steals \$15K from Queens check-cashing business.** The New York City Police

Department said a man dressed as an armored truck guard walked out of a check-cashing business with \$15,000 in cash the week of July 18. Police said the suspect walked into Lorenzo's Enterprises in Queens, said he was there for a pickup and was handed the cash. They said he was wearing a GARDA Armored Courier uniform. The Daily News reported that workers at the check-cashing place did not suspect anything until an actual guard showed up hours later from the same armored truck company. The suspect remained at large as of July 27.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/9aff1d962a034893865aefecf5a23889/Disguise-d-Guard-Robbery/>

15. *July 27, New York Post* – (New York) **LI geezer bank bandit caught on tape.** A hefty, gun-toting man who is believed to be responsible for a string of at least six bank robberies in New York since May is being hunted by Long Island cops, and the FBI. The squat, silver-haired bandit last struck July 26 at a Chase branch in Northport around 5:35 p.m. Armed with a black automatic gun, he approached a teller at bank at 721 Fort Salonga Road and demanded cash. The teller handed over the money and the subject fled on foot southbound through the parking lot. He is described as a white male in his 60s, 5 feet, 5 inches tall, and weighing 250 lbs. "We think he either has help, or parks a get-away car nearby," said the commanding officer of Nassau County's homicide and major crimes division. Cops believe the man is responsible for a similar bank robbery July 6 in Newburgh, New York, police said.

Source:

[http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/geezer\\_bank\\_bandit\\_caught\\_on\\_tape\\_lbFO5xi56Ex2g8LpJLAzXN](http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/geezer_bank_bandit_caught_on_tape_lbFO5xi56Ex2g8LpJLAzXN)

16. *July 27, San Diego Union-Tribune* – (California) **Alleged ID thief stole \$200,000 in debit-card scam.** An alleged identity thief was charged July 27 with looting more than \$200,000 from customer accounts at a Rancho Penasquitos, California bank by using an electronic device to steal debit card information. The suspect is accused of stealing from about 950 customers at the Chase Bank branch on Black Mountain Road, but authorities said that number may go up if more victims come forward. He was arraigned before a San Diego Superior Court judge on 45 counts of identity theft, grand theft, burglary, making fake ID cards, and a special allegation that losses exceeded \$200,000, the prosecutor said. She said charges related to about 900 more victims would be added against the man, a legal U.S. resident from Romania. He has a felony conviction for trying to break into an ATM in Los Angeles County in 2008, she said. Bank investigators discovered a man was installing a card-skimming device on the door of the bank's ATM lobby every Saturday after closing time. He would remove it before the bank reopened on Mondays, a district attorney's investigator said. This occurred for 6 weeks in a row. Hidden cameras the man is accused of installing showed customers typing their identification numbers on the ATM keypads. Agents believe he transferred the account information onto fake debit cards to withdraw \$300, \$500, even \$1,000 at a time at other ATMs. The bank notified the Secret Service of the scam July 22. Agents, with San Diego police and the regional fraud task force, were watching the bank July 23 when the suspect returned to retrieve his device, and he was arrested.



Source: <http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/2011/jul/27/debit-card-scam-revealed-1000-victims/>

17. *July 25, U.S. Department of Justice* – (New York) **Four charged with running a credit history repair scheme.** The U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York and the U.S. Secret Service New York Field Office announced July 25 the unsealing of an indictment charging four people in connection with a fraudulent credit repair scheme. As part of the scheme, the defendants falsely reported to credit bureaus inflated credit histories for thousands of individuals, enabling those individuals to get millions of dollars in loans from financial institutions, and other lenders. From 2007 through 2009, through Highway Furniture Inc. and, later, New York Funding Group Inc., the four defendants engaged in a scheme to falsely and fraudulently improve credit histories and scores of thousands of people who purportedly were customers of the two firms. The individuals had never actually been customers of Highway Furniture, and New York Funding. As part of the scheme, in exchange for thousands of dollars in fees, the defendants provided credit bureaus with fictitious data showing their firms had extended credit to the purported customers, and that the loans had been or were being repaid. The defendants falsely and fraudulently improved credit histories and scores of some of the purported customers by deleting accurate, but negative, credit information maintained by credit bureaus. As a result, the purported customers obtained millions of dollars of loans from banks, and other lenders. Each defendant is charged with one count of conspiracy to commit bank fraud, and one count of conspiracy to cause damage to a protected computer.

Source: <http://www.hvinsider.com/articles/four-charged-with-running-a-credit-history-repair-scheme/>

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## **Transportation Sector**

18. *July 28, Associated Press* – (Missouri) **Man convicted of false bomb threat at airport.** A St. Louis, Missouri man faces sentencing in October after being convicted for falsely telling police at Lambert-St.Louis International Airport in St. Louis that a passenger would be carrying explosives onto a plane. The suspect was convicted July 27 in U.S. district court on two felony counts, following a 3-day trial. The incident happened January 15, 2010.  
Source: <http://www.beaumontenterprise.com/news/article/Man-convicted-of-false-bomb-threat-at-airport-1623781.php>
19. *July 28, Portsmouth Patch* – (New Hampshire) **Fear of collapse prompts Memorial Bridge closure.** Fearing a collapse similar to the one in Minnesota 4 years ago, state officials said they had no choice but to permanently close the rusty, hole-ridden Memorial Bridge in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. The Memorial Bridge that connects Portsmouth to Badger's Island in Kittery, Maine, is the same type of bridge as the bridge in Minneapolis that collapsed during rush hour in 2007, killing 13 people. In the

end, what convinced officials the bridge was no longer safe was "the accelerated rusting and deterioration" of 10 critical gusset plates, the same key components whose failure caused the Minnesota collapse. The poor conditions were discovered during a routine quarterly inspection of the 88-year-old bridge, July 26 and 27. The decision to close the bridge was immediate. The Maine Department of Transportation also signed off on the decision. The bridge was already slated for replacement beginning next July, but now that process will be sped up a bit. Alternate routes for crossing from New Hampshire to Maine by car include the Sarah Mildred Long Bridge (Route 1 Bypass), and the I-95 bridge.

Source: <http://portsmouth-nh.patch.com/articles/fear-of-collapse-prompts-bridge-closure>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

20. *July 28, Mansfield News Journal* – (Ohio) **Ashland bomb squad removes device in mailbox.** The Ashland County, Ohio, Sheriff's Office bomb squad July 25 deactivated an explosive device discovered in a mailbox. No one was injured. The sheriff's office spent about 90 minutes at the mailbox in the 1700 block of County Road 1095, north of U.S. 30 and south of Ashland, after the incident was reported at 9:43 a.m. A remote-controlled robot was used to remove the device, which appeared to be partially detonated. "We rendered it safer with a water cannon," he said. The sheriff's office and state fire marshal's office are investigating.

Source:

<http://www.mansfieldnewsjournal.com/article/20110727/NEWS01/110727004/Ashland-bomb-squad-removes-device-mailbox>

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

21. *July 28, Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel* – (Florida; International) **Miami meat company recalls beef possibly contaminated by animal drug.** Northwestern Meat, Inc., of Miami, Florida, recalled more than 6,000 pounds of frozen Honduran beef that may have been contaminated by animal drugs, according to information provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The department's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced July 27 the recall involved cases of "C&D" brand boneless beef that may contain the drug Ivermectin, an anti-parasitic used as a de-worming agent in live animals, according to officials. The problem was discovered through a routine sampling of beef muscle tissue July 18 in Honduras, officials said in a news release. The products that did not pass the inspection were refused entry into the United States, but Honduran authorities later notified the inspection service that products that were derived from the possibly contaminated meat were shipped into the country on an earlier date.

Source: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/local/miami-dade/fl-meat-recall-20110728,0,549614.story>

22. *July 28, Bastrop Daily Enterprise* – (Louisiana) **Charges filed against trio in theft of farm chemicals.** Within 24 hours after a shipment of farm chemicals were received by a business in Bastrop, Louisiana, thieves had helped themselves to the shipment. Within 24 hours of the theft, investigators with the Morehouse Parish Sheriff's Office (MPSO) had three suspects in custody. The sheriff said the shipment was received July 25. At 8 a.m. July 26, employees of the business notified the MPSO that much of the shipment was missing. Investigators quickly identified a suspect. A large quantity of chemicals allegedly taken in the thefts was recovered at the suspect's home. Investigators were able to determine that another suspect was allegedly involved in helping the man. They also learned another man had allegedly purchased some of the chemicals. The retail value of the chemicals taken in the theft range from \$170 to \$240 per gallon. Investigators learned that the man who helped purchase the chemicals, and others who may have allegedly purchased the purloined chemicals paid only \$20 per gallon. The original suspect was charged with theft of goods valued at more than \$1,500, theft of goods valued at more than \$1,000, and two counts of conspiracy to commit theft. The other two suspects were each charged with illegal possession of stolen things, and criminal conspiracy.

Source: <http://www.bastropenterprise.com/topstories/x1704352520/Charges-filed-against-trio-in-theft-of-farm-chemicals>

23. *July 28, Food Safety News* – (Ohio; National) **E. coli O157 prompts cooked beef recall.** Beef bound for processing, where it was or would have been cooked, has instead been called back after tests detected it might be contaminated with E. coli O157:H7. Tri State Beef of Cincinnati, Ohio, said July 27 it was recalling about 228,596 pounds of beef products after tests by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) confirmed a positive result for E. coli. The FSIS, in a news release, said the beef was distributed to facilities where it was to be cooked, which would have killed the E. coli pathogen. But "because the products were shipped into commerce they are subject to recall, even though they were shipped to other federally inspected establishments where they received full-lethality treatment, and would no longer be considered adulterated," the regulator said. The recall involves combo bins of "Tri-State Beef Co., Inc Boneless Beef," produced between July 19 and 22, and sold for further processing and distribution in Iowa, Virginia, Illinois, and Ohio.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/07/e-coli-o157-prompts-beef-recall/>

24. *July 28, WZZM 13 Grand Rapids* – (Michigan) **Semi full of yogurt falls from I-196 overpass.** A semi truck fell from an I-196 overpass in Grand Rapids, Michigan, it was reported July 28, and onlookers below said it sounded like an explosion. The tractor trailer loaded with yogurt was headed west toward Holland when it went out of control on the Garfield Avenue overpass. It hit the guardrail and went up and over. The driver of the truck fell with the cab from the overpass to Garfield Avenue below. It took emergency crews several minutes to cut the driver from the mangled tractor, but he was conscious and communicating. The fuel spilled from the tractor when it crashed down from the bridge and there was the strong smell of diesel in the vicinity. A hazardous

materials team mopped up the fuel that did not drain into the storm sewer.  
Source: <http://grwest.wzzm13.com/news/news/semi-full-yogurt-falls-i-196-overpass/60095>

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## Water Sector

25. *July 28, Evansville Courier & Press* – (Indiana) **About 300 gallons of sewage sludge spills when West Side line breaks.** About 300 gallons of treated sewage sludge leaked out of a broken pressurized line on the west side of Evansville, Indiana, July 27. The wastewater superintendent of the Evansville Water & Sewage Utility said crews planned to repair the line underneath Old Broadway Avenue that night, but would have to fix the road before both lanes of the street can be reopened. "It will be several days at least," the superintendent said. The sludge seeped onto the roadway and the nearby grass before the line's pump was shut off. Initially, the problem was reported as possible oil on the roadway, which officials said is what sludge looks like at first glance. The cause of the leak will not be determined until crews are able to make the repairs, but officials said the heat could be to blame. Repairs are estimated at \$50,000. Source: <http://www.courierpress.com/news/2011/jul/28/about-300-gallons-sewage-sludge-spills-when-west/>
26. *July 28, WABC 7 New York* – (New York) **Bronx residents clean up after water main break.** It could be days before life returns to normal at homes and businesses in the Bronx in New York City after a massive water main break. It happened on Jerome Avenue and East 177th street in Mount Hope July 27. The streets were dry late the morning of July 28, but big problems remained. There were ongoing bus disruptions, and 500 mom-and-pop shops and residential gas customers were waiting on Con Edison to hook service back up. Officials said all utility lines, including phone service, were affected in some way. And there's a 6-foot deep crater in the middle of the street and 12 blocks of water damage to repair after the geyser-like break turned one of the Bronx's busiest streets into a bubbling river. The break in the 108-year-old main sent tens of thousands of gallons of water gushing along Jerome Avenue. It took crews nearly 3 hours to shut it off because that main supplies water to the entire city. The entrance to the Cross Bronx Expressway had to be shut down, and No. 4 subway service was stopped in its tracks for hours. A day later, Jerome Avenue remained closed, littered with soggy debris dragged from flooded basements. People spent the day cleaning up and adding up their losses. But the biggest problem, aside from all the water damage, is that Con Ed has to go door to door to restore gas service to those 500 homes and businesses. And still, no one knows what exactly caused the century-old main to break. "We need to investigate this," a New York City Department of Environmental Protection representative said. "Age in and of itself is not a reason why a main of this size and strength would break." Service on the BX32 and BX36 bus lines remained detoured. Source: [http://abclocal.go.com/wabc/story?section=news/local/new\\_york&id=8275718](http://abclocal.go.com/wabc/story?section=news/local/new_york&id=8275718)

27. *July 28, Bryan County News* – (Georgia) **City reports 'major' spill at Sterling Creek facility.** The city of Richmond Hill, Georgia reported another “major spill” for the summer at its wastewater treatment plant near Sterling Creek. According to the press release issued July 26, more than 2.6 million gallons of treated wastewater was discharged from the facility’s constructed wetland into Elbow Swamp July 18. The spill was considered major by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division because discharge limits for biochemical oxygen demand exceeded the plant’s permit by 50 percent. The spill volume has been treated, and it poses no threat to the public, according to the release.  
Source: <http://beta.bryancountynews.net/section/101/article/14427/>
28. *July 28, Oklahoma City Oklahoman* – (Oklahoma) **Contaminant found in Duncan water wells.** Of the 40 water wells tested in Duncan, Oklahoma, about 18 showed high levels of ammonium perchlorate, the Oklahoma City Oklahoman reported July 28. While the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency considered proposing a regulatory drinking water limit, one expert said a level of 16 parts per billion (ppb) is considered significant. One of the wells tested at 194 ppb, while another contained nearly 30,000 ppb of the contaminant. Oil and gas industry service provider Halliburton Company issued a statement and admitted it probably contributed to the contamination when the company removed and burned spent missile fuel contained in missile casings. The government contract work began in the 1960s and ended in 1991 on Duncan's north side, where the contaminated wells are located.  
Source: <http://newsok.com/contaminant-found-in-duncan-water-wells/article/3589399>
29. *July 27, WLNS 6 Lansing* – (Michigan) **BWL shuts down plant after chemical reaction.** The Lansing Board of Water and Light (BWL) shut down a major water facility in Lansing, Michigan, following a chemical spill that sent two people to the hospital, and caused residents to evacuate July 27. Officials said the plant was badly damaged after a worker poured sodium hypochlorite, which purifies water, into the wrong tank. The tank contained fluosilicic acid, and the mixture let off a gas that was poisonous and destructive. "It has affected lots of electrical equipment, and some other things as well. You can see signs of corrosion on things that are actually pretty new," said a member of BWL. He added that hazmat crews were trying to determine what equipment works inside the plant, "and, in the course of the next couple of days, bring the plant back online. And that's really going to be dependent on how severe the damage is." The station pumps as much as 40 million gallons of water a day.  
Source: <http://www.wlns.com/story/15156439/bwl-closes-plant-after-chemical-reaction>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

30. *July 27, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **NJ official: \$116M recovered in faulty claims.** More than \$116 million believed improperly billed to New Jersey's Medicaid program has been returned to government coffers over the past year, the state

comptroller announced July 27. Using advanced data analysis, audits, and special investigations, the state found almost one-third more improper Medicaid payments in the fiscal year that ended June 30 than it did in the previous year. Many of those instances were referred to the state attorney general's office for possible prosecution, and in other cases, doctors and providers have been banned from Medicaid, a health insurance program for low-income residents. About half the recouped dollars went back into New Jersey's budget; the other half was returned to the federal government, which splits the cost of Medicaid with the states.

Source: <http://www.greenwichtime.com/news/article/NJ-official-116M-recovered-in-faulty-claims-1611933.php>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

31. *July 27, Infosecurity* – (Nevada) **UNLV notifies 2,000 employees about possible breach of personal data.** The University of Nevada at Las Vegas (UNLV) has notified 2,000 current and former employees that their private information may have been compromised back in 2008, Infosecurity reported July 27. The possible data breach discovery was made by the UNLV Office of Information Technology during a maintenance check on a computer in the school's controller's office. The check revealed that an unauthorized person might have accessed names and social security numbers of employees in 2008. "Though unauthorized access has not been confirmed, the Office of Information Technology continuously works to ensure sensitive data are protected and has taken steps to notify those potentially affected", UNLV said in a statement. The computer contained information from employees, including student employees, who participated in a computer-purchasing loan program. An UNLV spokesman told the Las Vegas Sun newspaper that no financial data, such as bank account numbers, was included. He told the newspaper school officials were working on how to prevent similar data breaches, including reviewing information security policies, and increasing employee training.

Source: <http://www.infosecurity-us.com/view/19700/>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

32. *July 28, Associated Press* – (Florida) **Fla. inmate uses phone glitch to bond out of jail.** Authorities said an inmate at a Tavares, Florida jail used a glitch in the facility's phone system to bond himself out. The Lake County Sheriff's Office said the 32-year-old discovered the glitch earlier this month. The phone system charges inmate accounts for calls but refunds the money if the call does not go through. But the system was reimbursing inmates twice for incomplete calls. Authorities said the inmate repeatedly made calls and hung up until he had more than \$1,250 — enough to bond out of jail. He had been arrested in April on property-crime charges. The inmate was only free for a few hours before he was re-arrested. Officials became suspicious when other inmates tried copying the trick. The software error has been fixed, and accounts were restored

to their previous totals.

Source: <http://www.officer.com/news/10308446/fla-inmate-uses-phone-glitch-to-bond-out-of-jail>

33. *July 27, Macomb Daily Tribune* – (Michigan) **Man charged with arson attempt, threatening to kill Hazel Park police.** A Madison Heights, Michigan man has been charged with calling police and threatening to kill them, and making a Molotov cocktail police said he threw at a house in a dispute over a used car sale with a Hazel Park woman. He was arraigned July 27 before a Hazel Park 43rd District magistrate, and jailed on \$500,000 cash bond. An alleged accomplice was also charged in connection with the Molotov cocktail incident in which police say a flaming bottle was thrown at a house and bounced into a yard. His bond is set at \$100,000 cash. The suspect also indicated he had a high-powered assault rifle, and was driving to the police station, according to a tape police released. The suspect made the threatening calls to Hazel Park police shortly before he was arrested at the Motel 6 in Madison Heights, police said. He has been charged with making a false report or threat of terrorism, a 20-year felony. He is also being charged with manufacturing an incendiary device with malicious intent, a 15-year felony. His alleged accomplice is being charged with a single count of making an incendiary device.

Source:

<http://www.dailytribune.com/articles/2011/07/27/news/doc4e306b5858f3e988100827.txt?viewmode=fullstory>

34. *July 27, KUSA 9 Denver* – (Colorado) **Police: Fake cops attacked woman during 'traffic stop.** Sex crimes detectives warned the public in the Denver area about two suspects impersonating police officers who sexually assaulted a woman July 24. An Aurora, Colorado police detective said the woman was pulled over by men whom she believed were police officers during a traffic stop just before 2 a.m. She said the "white police-type sedan," which had an emergency bar with rotating lights on it, stopped her in the 10400 block of East Alameda Avenue. Police said the victim was ordered out of her car by the first suspect. At some point, he said the second suspect joined the first suspect, and the two sexually assaulted the woman on the sidewalk. The victim told investigators the suspects got into their car after the assault and left the scene. The police detective said both suspects wore a dark blue police-style uniform with a gun-belt and a displayed badge.

Source: <http://www.9news.com/news/article/210228/222/Police-Fake-cops-attacked-woman-during-traffic-stop>

35. *July 27, Sacramento Bee* – (California) **Sacto 9-1-1: Sac PD, CHP: Woman arrested after alleged barrage of non-emergency 911 calls.** Sacramento, California police arrested a 44-year-old woman July 27 after she allegedly made more than 100 non-emergency calls to 911 on her cell phone in a 3-hour span, authorities said. The California Highway Patrol (CHP) communication center in Sacramento began receiving 911 calls from a woman shortly after midnight, a CHP spokesman said. Each time, the woman gave her name, apologized for calling, and then began "rambling and speaking about things that made no sense," he said. Authorities were able to track the cell phone to a location in south Sacramento, the spokesman said. The woman was

arrested on suspicion of unlawful use of 911, a misdemeanor, and released July 2, a Sacramento Police Department spokesman said.

Source: <http://blogs.sacbee.com/crime/archives/2011/07/sac-pd-chp-woma.html>

36. *July 27, WKBN 27 Youngstown* – (Ohio) **Phone service disrupted in Mercer Co.** On the evening of July 27, Mercer County, Ohio residents in the 962 phone exchange were having difficulty calling 911 due to a Verizon phone issue, according to Mercer County's public information officer. He said it was unclear when the problem started and when it would be fixed, but said Verizon technicians were working on fixing the problem.

Source: <http://www.wkbn.com/content/news/local/story/Phone-Service-Disrupted-In-Mercer-Co/YTKiY48QE0mtLeKqxEx8yA.csp>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

37. *July 28, Softpedia* – (International) **LiveJournal targeted in massive DDoS attack.** LiveJournal experienced downtime during the past several days because of a massive distributed denial-of-service attack that overwhelmed the company's servers. The outages began July 26, but the company did not release a statement until July 27 when it confirmed it was the target of an attack. LiveJournal is one of the oldest blogging platforms, dating back to 1999, and has over 30 million registered accounts. LiveJournal appeared to be available as of July 28, but since the current attack is ongoing, the service might experience more outages.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/LiveJournal-Targeted-in-Massive-DDoS-Attack-213909.shtml>
38. *July 28, Help Net Security* – (International) **Oracle Enterprise Manager Grid Control multiple vulnerabilities.** Oracle reported its Enterprise Manager Grid Control has multiple problems. A remote issue in Security Framework can be exploited over the "HTTP" protocol. The "User Model" sub component is affected. A remote issue in EMCTL can be exploited over the "HTTP" protocol. A remote issue in CMDB Metadata & Instance APIs can be exploited over the "Oracle NET" protocol. A remote vulnerability in Database Control can be exploited over the "HTTP" protocol. Oracle Enterprise Manager Grid Control version 10.1.0.5, 10.2.0.3, 10.1.0.6, 10.2.0.5, 10.2.0.4, 11.1.0.7, 11.2.0.1, and 11.2.0.2 are affected.  
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/vuln.php?id=15388>
39. *July 28, Softpedia* – (International) **Fake IRS emails distribute new file infector variant.** Security researchers from Trend Micro warn a wave of fake Internal Revenue Service e-mails direct recipients to a new variant of the LICAT file infecting virus. LICAT is a piece of malware associated with the zeus banking trojan that first appeared in October 2010. Malware analysts believe LICAT is intended as a distribution and update mechanism for zeus. The virus appends its rogue code to legitimate EXE, DLL,



and HTML files. Each time one of the infected files is executed, a list of URLs is generated according to a predefined algorithm similar to the one used by Conficker. The zeus trojan normally updates itself from a list of predefined command and control servers. Losing control of these domain names usually means losing control of the entire botnet. LICAT adds a redundancy mechanism. It tries to access all of the generated URLs and downloads a new zeus version if it finds one. If they lose control of their C&C domains, the attackers can register a domain they know LICAT will generate in advance and upload their new version there, at which point all they need to do is wait. The rogue e-mails detected by Trend Micro purport to come from "Payment IRS(dot)gov" and bear a subject of "Internal Revenue Service United States Department of the Treasury."

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Fake-IRS-Emails-Distribute-New-File-Infector-Variant-213969.shtml>

40. *July 27, IDG News Service* – (International) **Beware of 'wrong transaction' hotel spam.** A new spam campaign began to appear in recent days, and there are already hundreds of variants on the same theme: A hotel wrongly charged a credit card number, and the victim is supposed to fill out an attached form to process the refund. The "refund" form is actually a malicious trojan that installs fake antivirus software on the victim's computer, according to the director of research in computer forensics at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, who blogged about the spam messages July 27. The messages appear to be coming from the same botnet of infected computers that recently sent out similar messages warning victims their credit card payments were overdue. Those messages led to the fake antivirus downloads too, the researcher wrote in his blog post. As of late July 27, only 19 out of 43 antivirus products used by the VirusTotal Web site detected this latest trojan program.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9218700/Beware\\_of\\_wrong\\_transaction\\_hotel\\_spam](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9218700/Beware_of_wrong_transaction_hotel_spam)

41. *July 25, CNET News* – (International) **Street View cars grabbed locations of phones, PCs.** Google's Street View cars collected the locations of millions of laptops, cell phones, and other Wi-Fi devices around the world, a practice that raises novel privacy concerns, CNET confirmed. The cars were supposed to collect the locations of Wi-Fi access points. However, Google also recorded the street addresses and unique identifiers of computers and other devices using those wireless networks, and then made the data publicly available through Google.com until several weeks ago. The French data protection authority, known as the Commission Nationale de l'Informatique et des Libertés, recently contacted CNET and said its investigation confirmed Street View cars collected these unique hardware IDs.

Source: [http://news.cnet.com/8301-31921\\_3-20082777-281/street-view-cars-grabbed-locations-of-phones-pcs/](http://news.cnet.com/8301-31921_3-20082777-281/street-view-cars-grabbed-locations-of-phones-pcs/)

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### Communications Sector

42. *July 27, Winfield Daily Courier* – (Kansas) **Telephone service interrupted.** Southern Kansas Telephone (SKT) customers in Cowley County and other towns in southeast Kansas have services back after one of SKT's fiber optic lines was accidentally cut July 27. According to SKT's customer care director, at about 7:55 a.m. July 27, a construction company working near Belle Plaine was boring under a highway when they accidentally cut a fiber optic line that provides telephone, high-speed Internet, and cable television service to SKT customers in Belle Plaine and other communities in southeast Kansas, including Dexter, Burden, and Cedar Vale. SKT repair crews arrived onsite shortly after the cut to begin work on repairing the damaged fiber optic cable.

Source:

<http://www.winfieldcourier.com/articles/2011/07/27/news/news/doc4e30d78c6fdc6244273419.txt>

43. *July 27, Tallahassee Democrat* – (Florida) **Cable repairs have been completed.** A cut cable north of Tallahassee, Florida, interrupted Comcast's television, Internet, and communications service to about 6,000 customers in that area, the company said July 27. Comcast's general manager said the line was a 78-count fiber optic cable that relays signals to customers along Thomasville Road and up to Bradfordville. Repair of the cable began within an hour of the reported outage hour. The above-ground cable was accidentally cut early July 27 by crews that were clearing tree limbs from the lines. Comcast finished the fiber optic cable repair at 3:20 p.m.

Source: <http://www.tallahassee.com/article/20110727/BUSINESS/110727008/Update-Cable-repairs-been-completed?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|FRONTPAGE|s>

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### Commercial Facilities Sector

44. *July 27, Oklahoma City Oklahoman* – (Oklahoma) **Wildfire causes evacuation of 400 from church camps in Kiowa County.** Two church camps with 400 children were evacuated as a wildfire burned near their campgrounds in Kiowa County, Oklahoma. No injuries were reported, and one camp planned to return to their campgrounds late July 27. A group of about 200 kids from the Quartz Mountain Christian Camp were sheltered at the Church of Christ in Hobart in the evening, an American Red Cross

spokesman said. Fire crews contained the fire. The second group, the Southwest Baptist Assembly Camp, lost power at their campgrounds. About 200 children were being sheltered at the First Baptist Church in Hobart, the Red Cross spokesman said. That camp was canceled. The fire, which was started by a lightning bolt that struck power lines on a mountain near Lone Wolf July 24, flared up about 3 p.m. July 27. The fire destroyed a campground that has been abandoned for at least 20 years, and State Highway 44 had to be closed for 6 hours because smoke was blowing across the road. Firefighters from Quartz Mountain, Lone Wolf, and Blair battled the fire. No homes were threatened.

Source: <http://newsok.com/wildfire-causes-evacuation-of-400-from-church-camps-in-kiowa-county/article/3589348>

45. *July 27, WCMH 4 Columbus* – (Ohio) **Bomb squad clears scene at Ohio state fairgrounds.** The bomb squad said a package found at the Fairgrounds in Columbus, Ohio in the afternoon July 27 was not dangerous. Someone reported an unattended package to troopers at about 1 p.m. The package was near the west doors of the Celeste Center at the Ohio State Fair. Troopers blocked off the area for an investigation, and then called in Columbus fire's bomb squad. The bomb squad inspected the package and determined they needed to do a more invasive inspection on what appeared to be a backpack, a fire official said. At about 2:30 p.m., on-scene authorities said they were going to X-ray the package and then determine the next step. The next step was detonation. The backpack did not pose a threat. It contained personal water bottles, one or two small food bars, and a soft-side cooler. The Sky Lift was shut down during part of the investigation.

Source: <http://www2.nbc4i.com/news/2011/jul/27/4/suspicious-package-investigation-shuts-down-sky-li-ar-642876/>

46. *July 27, New Providence Patch* – (New Jersey) **Hundreds evacuated after threat to Cranford business park building.** An anonymous caller made a threat to the building at 20 Commerce Drive in the Cranford Business Park in Cranford, New Jersey July 26, causing police to respond and evacuate employees. According to a Cranford detective sergeant, the call was received around 1 p.m. from an undetermined location. About 400 employees of several different companies housed in the office building were in the process of evacuating when police arrived. Cranford fire, police, and EMS units were on the scene along with Union County police and K-9 units, and Union EMS. The detective sergeant said that although the caller did not specify the threat, police treated it as a worst case scenario, assuming an explosive device within the building. They swept the building with the county K-9 unit and, finding nothing, gave the all clear and allowed employees back in just before 3 p.m. Cranford EMS and Fire set up tents and fans, and gave out water to keep workers cool in the 90-degree heat. Police did not evacuate neighboring buildings.

Source: <http://newprovidence.patch.com/articles/hundreds-evacuated-after-threat-to-cranford-business-park-building-3>

47. *July 27, KTLA 5 Los Angeles* – (California) **3 arrested after 'Electric Daisy' fans grow unruly in Hollywood.** An impromptu music block party in Los Angeles, California thrown by a DJ outside the premiere of a movie about the Electric Daisy

Carnival turned into a mob scene late July 27, when the crowd refused to disperse. The DJ announced the block party via Twitter in the afternoon. The premiere of the Electric Daisy Carnival Experience — billed as the film version of a rave — was happening at the same location. The premiere had been promoted for weeks, with an after-party to follow at Supperclub, featuring a performance by the DJ. Police said the event was by invitation only, but many people showed up without invites, and were turned away by security. The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) shut down Hollywood Boulevard between Highland and Orange avenues after hundreds of people gathered. Police ordered the crowd to disperse, but many refused to leave, and began fighting and throwing bottles. Some people jumped on police cars, smashing windows. About 100 officers in riot gear used bean bag guns to subdue the crowd, and three people — two men and a woman — were arrested. LAPD officials say one of the suspects vandalized a police car while another assaulted an officer. The third person was arrested for failing to disperse. Some 20 other people were detained for failing to disperse, but were eventually released. No officers were injured. The Hollywood/Highland Red Line station was closed, and Hollywood Boulevard buses were detoured due to the disturbance.

Source: <http://www.ktla.com/news/landing/ktla-kaskade-shuts-down-hollywood-boulevard,0,6471417.story>

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

48. *July 28, Associated Press* – (California) **Firefighters make progress in 8-day-old blaze.** Firefighters made progress in their battle against an arson-caused 21-square-mile wildfire in northeastern San Diego County, California, but warm temperatures and low humidity continued to hamper efforts to fully surround the fire. The 8-day-old blaze was 65 percent contained after burning 14,100 acres on the Los Coyotes Indian Reservation and Anza Borrego Desert State Park. Investigators determined the fire was caused by arson, but no further details would be released until the investigation was completed, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection said in a statement July 27. More than 2,100 firefighters were on the scene, aided by 18 bulldozers, and 27 aircraft. Fourteen firefighters have sustained minor injuries since the blaze began, mostly heat exhaustion. The fire was burning northwest through steep, rugged terrain.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/n/a/2011/07/28/state/n013513D74.DTL>

49. *July 27, Abilene Reporter-News* – (Texas) **Progress made in containing 2 fires.** Fire crews in Texas worked July 26 and 27 to try to bring the CR 156 Fire under control. The fire, sparked July 26 near Gunsight in Stephens County, quickly spread to a reported 2,000 acres by that evening. Texas Forest Service crews and firefighters from nine departments responded, a forest service spokeswoman said. A flyover by aircraft equipped with mapping equipment caused officials to expand the estimated size of the

fire to 4,330 acres the afternoon of July 27. The fire was about 50 percent contained as of the evening July 27. Three buildings and one vehicle were reported destroyed in the fire, but 32 homes were saved. A fire between Cisco and Eastland in Eastland County was reported 75 percent contained the night of July 27. The King Fire, which started earlier that afternoon, was estimated to be 81 acres. A spokesman with the Eastland Volunteer Fire Department said crews were doing mop-up duty on the fire July 27, and that only one structure had been destroyed.

Source: <http://www.reporternews.com/news/2011/jul/27/progress-made-in-containing-2-fires/>

50. *July 27, Associated Press* – (California) **Sequoia National Forest fire consumes 14,000 acres.** Firefighters July 27 were making progress in battling a fire that has consumed 14,000 acres in a remote wilderness area of the Sequoia National Forest in California. A U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman said the fire was 5 percent contained after it began burning July 8. Officials said it was sparked by a lightning strike on private land inside the Golden Trout Wilderness area. A spokeswoman said firefighters were able to stop the fire from progressing on a section of land home to the Pyles Boys Camp. Firefighters were also working on keeping the fire from two cabins, including the historic Quinn Patrol Cabin, which was constructed by the U.S. cavalry at the turn of the century, she said. The remote area where the fire is burning is about 70 miles southeast of Fresno.

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2011/07/27/3799207/sequoia-national-forest-fire-consumes.html>

51. *July 27, Billings Gazette* – (Wyoming) **Norton Point fire grows to 10,000 acres.** The Norton Point fire's continued growth into the Washakie Wilderness in Wyoming was hailed as good news July 27 by fire crews, who continued guarding the fire's flanks to prevent a southward turn. The fire, sparked by lightning July 22 near Double Cabin north of Dubois, grew to 10,000 acres July 27. Preventing the fire from backing down toward Double Cabin and surrounding campgrounds has become a top priority for fire managers, who arrived at the scene early July 26. The fire's growth prompted officials July 26 to close access to the wilderness from Kirwin, west of Meeteetse. Much of the southern Washakie Wilderness remains closed to the public, including the Double Cabin area. The Clark Creek Trail, accessed at the South Fork drainage near Cody, is also closed at Cougar Pass. A fire information officer said the fire was extremely active July 27, with high winds and long-range spotting. Two hand crews from Worland and the Bighorn Basin worked July 27 to flank the east edge of the fire near Frontier Creek. A Wyoming Hot Shot crew also will reinforce the fire line along Wiggins Fork and Caldwell Creek to keep the fire from turning south. About 84 firefighters and one helicopter arrived at the fire July 26. A second helicopter was expected July 27.

Source: [http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming/article\\_68c11445-0598-59f6-8185-769a3dafb625.html](http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming/article_68c11445-0598-59f6-8185-769a3dafb625.html)

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## **Dams Sector**

52. *July 27, Jamestown Sun* – (North Dakota) **Releases can't keep up with high inflows at reservoirs.** Jamestown, North Dakota, is holding back a record amount of water for this time of the year in its two flood-control dams. Jamestown Reservoir was at 1,444.47 feet elevation July 26 and, according to data from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the National Weather Service, needs to drop 13.47 feet by November 1. Nearby Pipestem Dam was at 1,480.63 feet elevation and needs to drop by 38.13 feet by November 1 as well. Weather forecasts said water levels show no signs of backing down. The Corps took short-term action and reduced outflows for the Jamestown Reservoir by 200 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 600 cfs July 26. Pipestem was releasing at 1,000 cfs.  
Source: <http://www.jamestownsun.com/event/article/id/140819/>
53. *July 27, Augusta Chronicle* – (Georgia) **Drought plan for waterways is on.** Flows from Thurmond Lake and other Savannah River reservoirs in Georgia were reduced the week of July 25 as falling water levels and dry conditions activated the first level of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' drought-management plan. The Corps will limit outflow from Thurmond Dam to 4,200 cubic feet per second (cfs), averaged over the week. Reducing outflow decreases the amount of hydropower generated through the dams, but conserves more water in the reservoirs. Earlier in July, to conserve more water in the three-reservoir system but still meet hydropower demands, workers increased the pump-back operation of the Russell Dam. Thurmond Lake's level was at 325.8 feet above sea level July 27, while inflows at the reservoir were about 36 percent of normal, with little rain in the forecast.  
Source: <http://chronicle.augusta.com/news/metro/2011-07-27/drought-plan-waterways-augusta-georgia-savannah-river-lake-thurmond?v=1311809713>

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