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### **Top Stories**

- Powerful storms in the Minneapolis and St. Paul area cut power to 72,000 residents, downed trees that damaged vehicles and homes, and closed many roads. The storms also impacted drinking water and a water plant, and closed some businesses. – *Minneapolis Star Tribune; Associated Press* (See item [2](#))
- Thousands of gallons of mineral oil, which helps cool transformers, was stolen from two substations in South Carolina. A Duke Energy spokesman said the company may bolster security measures as a result. – *Spartanburg Herald-Journal* (See item [4](#))
- A federal agency found that scores of first responders at New York City's John F. Kennedy Airport were not qualified to handle emergencies. – *DNAinfo.com* (See item [20](#))
- New evidence suggests a Web site hosting software updates for life-saving medical equipment may have been redirecting visitors to a site distributing attacks and malware for months before the company became aware of the compromise. – *Threatpost* (See item [30](#))
- Wind-powered wildfires torched hundreds of acres in, and forced closure of some state parks, closed many roads, and forced the evacuation of a small hospital on the Hawaiian islands of Maui and Hawaii. – *Honolulu Star-Advertiser* (See item [46](#))

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## Energy Sector

1. *June 19, KMA 960 AM/99.1 FM Shenandoah* – (Nebraska) **Snake causes Nebraska City outage.** A Nebraska City, Nebraska utilities manager told KMA 960 AM/99.1 FM Shenandoah that a black snake crawled into a substation four blocks north of the city's power plant and caused a widespread power outage for about 90 minutes. He said roughly a third of Nebraska City was without electricity until crews channeled power from the city's other two substations.  
Source: [http://kmaland.com/03049\\_Snake\\_causes\\_Nebraska\\_City\\_outage\\_083110.asp](http://kmaland.com/03049_Snake_causes_Nebraska_City_outage_083110.asp)
2. *June 19, Minneapolis Star Tribune; Associated Press* – (Minnesota) **Storms cause headaches across the Twin Cities.** About 72,000 residents lost power in the Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota area, June 19 after violent storms rumbled through the area. The powerful storms also knocked out power to the Burnsville water treatment plant, as well as downed trees that fell on homes and vehicles and blocked many streets in Burnsville, Hastings, and Lakeville. Residents in part of West St. Paul were told not to drink their tap water because electrical outages caused low pressure in part of the system, making it easier for harmful bacteria to enter the system. The Burnsville water plant was operating on an emergency generator, and city officials stressed the water was safe for drinking. Xcel Energy said that by the early afternoon it had cut the number of residents without power to 20,500, but noted that some areas of Washington County could take as long as 2 days to receive restored power. The storms also knocked out power to Battle Creek Waterworks, and as a result the water park was closed June 19.  
Source: <http://www.startribune.com/159546515.html>
3. *June 19, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Texas gas line checked after man hurt in explosion.** A utility official said the FBI is investigating whether a Dallas-area gas line was tampered with before a man was hurt in an explosion June 18. An Atmos Energy spokeswoman said Plano police asked the utility to check for a gas leak after the

explosion. A Plano officer said the man apparently was carrying a device when it exploded. The Atmos spokeswoman declined to say whether the gas line was damaged. Atmos previously said investigators were looking into what may have caused a leak.

Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/article/Texas-gas-line-checked-after-man-hurt-in-explosion-3645066.php>

4. *June 18, Spartanburg Herald-Journal* – (South Carolina) **Thieves steal thousands of gallons of mineral oil from Duke Energy in Blacksburg.** A Duke Energy spokesman said thousands of gallons of mineral oil, which helps cool transformers, was discovered stolen from two locations in South Carolina’s Cherokee County. In the most recent theft, reported June 14, thousands of gallons of oil were stolen from a transformer in Blacksburg. There was also a spill of several hundred gallons, which required clean-up by a contracted hazardous materials crew. The oil did not pose an environmental threat. A theft was reported June 12 from six transformers from a substation adjacent to a vacant manufacturing plant. A spokesman said someone apparently used a large hose, similar to a fire hose, to siphon the gas, likely into a tanker truck. Duke said costs of damage and clean up are in the thousands. Duke Energy officials are familiar with copper thefts from substations, but mineral oil theft is unusual. The thefts are under investigation by the Cherokee County Sheriff’s Office. “We do have adequate security at our substations,” the Duke spokesman said. “But after this, we will take steps to assess the situation and look at other measures.”

Source:

<http://www.goupstate.com/article/20120618/ARTICLES/120619649?p=all&tc=pgall>

5. *June 18, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **Prosecutors say Alpha mines safer.** The Associated Press reported June 18 that Alpha Natural Resources cut its accident rate by a third and its injury rate by 25 percent at West Virginia’s Upper Big Branch mine and other former Massey Energy Co. operations in the 6 months since a landmark \$210 million settlement that spared the company criminal charges over the 2010 mine explosion that killed 29 workers, federal prosecutors said. The company also broke ground on an \$18 million training center a U.S. attorney said will dramatically benefit the industry. When it opens in Julian in June 2013, miners will be able to train for dangerous conditions in a 96,000-square-foot simulation laboratory. In April 2010, an explosion fueled by methane and coal dust killed 29 men in the Montcoal, West Virginia mine. Training to stop poor practices was among the many components of the non-prosecution agreement the U.S. attorney’s office reached with Alpha in December 2011. It wiped the slate clean of 370 safety violations related to Upper Big Branch and required Alpha to pay \$35 million in fines for violations there and at other Massey mines.

Source: [http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-](http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/n/a/2012/06/18/national/a011137D13.DTL)

[bin/article.cgi?f=/n/a/2012/06/18/national/a011137D13.DTL](http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/n/a/2012/06/18/national/a011137D13.DTL)

6. *June 16, Associated Press* – (National) **Large, humanmade quakes rare, new government report concludes.** The Associated Press reported June 16 that a major government science report concluded the controversial practice of hydraulic fracturing to extract natural gas does not pose a high risk for triggering earthquakes large enough to feel, but other types of energy-related drilling can make the ground noticeably shake.

In more than 90 years of monitoring, human activity has been shown to trigger only 154 quakes, most moderate or small, and only 60 of them in the United States, the National Research Council report found. Most were caused by gas and oil drilling the conventional way, river damming, deep injections of wastewater, and purposeful flooding. Two other instances — a magnitude 2.8 tremor in Oklahoma and a 2.3 magnitude quake in England — can be attributed to hydraulic fracturing, a specific method of extracting gas by injection of fluids commonly referred to as “fracking,” the report said. The report shows that most of the tremors that can be blamed on humans occurred in California, Texas, Colorado, Oklahoma, and Ohio. California and Oklahoma had the biggest human-made shakes as byproducts of conventional oil and gas drilling. Colorado had three 5.0 to 5.5 man-induced quakes because of an injection well. Northern California has had 300 to 400 tiny quakes a year since 2005 because of geothermal energy extraction.

Source: <http://durangoherald.com/article/20120617/NEWS03/706179937/-1/s>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

7. *June 19, KTXS 12 Sweetwater* – (Texas) **Crews cleaning up chemical spill from train derailment near Cisco.** A Union Pacific (UP) train derailed and leaked chemicals near Cisco, Texas, June 17, on tracks on a bridge north of Interstate 20. A UP spokesperson said 24 cars derailed, and methanol and petroleum oil leaked from a few cars into a creek. UP workers worked June 18 to contain and clean up the spill. They also took water samples, and worked with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. UP said the chemicals do not pose a danger to residents. The railroad said it will probably take several weeks for the derailed and damaged cars to be removed from along the rail line.

Source: [http://www.ktxs.com/big\\_country\\_news/31203736/detail.html](http://www.ktxs.com/big_country_news/31203736/detail.html)

8. *June 19, Hackensack Record* – (New Jersey) **Some toxic mud to be removed from river.** A group of chemical companies suspected of polluting the Passaic River will pay \$20 million to clean up the dioxin-laden mudflats near the banks of Lyndhurst, New Jersey, under an agreement announced June 18 by federal regulators. Only 13 percent of the estimated 120,000 cubic yards of polluted mud will be dredged from the river, but officials at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) said it will include the most highly contaminated sediment. The rest will be capped with a mix of sand, gravel, and carbon until an investigation of the contamination in the 17-mile lower portion of the river is completed in 2 years by 70 local companies known as the Lower Passaic Cooperating Parties Group. The pollution was discovered late in 2011 where the river — a federal Superfund site that stretches from the Dundee Dam in Garfield to Newark — makes a sharp bend just south of Route 3. Dioxin levels reached 21,000 parts per trillion, the highest ever recorded at the surface of the Passaic’s riverbed. Dioxin is one of the world’s most toxic industrial chemicals and a known carcinogen. There are also high levels of mercury and PCBs in the mudflats. Although that portion of the river is often used by crew teams as well as training sessions for fire department scuba teams, EPA officials said they do not see immediate health risks. The agency said dioxin

levels in nearby Riverside Park are not high enough to harm health.

Source:

[http://www.northjersey.com/news/159528375\\_Some\\_toxic\\_mud\\_to\\_be\\_removed\\_from\\_river.html?page=all](http://www.northjersey.com/news/159528375_Some_toxic_mud_to_be_removed_from_river.html?page=all)

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

9. *June 19, North County Times* – (California) **NRC says steam flow too great in San Onofre generators.** Steam flowed much too quickly through the generators installed at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station in San Diego County, California, leading to the problems that shut the plant down and have kept it from restarting since January 31, federal regulators said at a public meeting June 18. A branch chief with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) said Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, the firm that built the heat exchangers, used a flawed computer model to design the components. He said the NRC ran its own computer model that found a major design discrepancy. “We detected that the computer simulation used my Mitsubishi to design the steam generators had under-predicted the velocities of steam water inside the steam generators by factors of two to three times,” he said. He said fast-moving steam worked with anti-vibration bars that were supposed to hold the thousands of thin tubes inside the generators steady. Those bars, he said, were looser than they should be in the Unit 3 generators.

Source: [http://www.nctimes.com/news/local/sdcounty/energy-nrc-says-steam-flow-too-great-in-san-onofre/article\\_b5f4364d-e9e7-5fb7-8543-5b39ae1fc193.html](http://www.nctimes.com/news/local/sdcounty/energy-nrc-says-steam-flow-too-great-in-san-onofre/article_b5f4364d-e9e7-5fb7-8543-5b39ae1fc193.html)

10. *June 18, Brattleboro Reformer* – (Vermont) **VY powers down for smoke in reactor building.** The Vermont Yankee nuclear power plant in Vernon, Vermont, was reduced to 36 percent power June 18 after smoke was detected in the reactor building. According to a Vermont Yankee spokesman there was an electrical failure in one of the two motor generator sets, which controls the reactor’s power by varying the flow of reactor cooling water. The spokesman said the malfunction was not safety related and that the public was not in any danger. The plant would remain at reduced power until repairs are made, he added.

Source: [http://www.reformer.com/ci\\_20884377/vy-powers-down-smoke-reactor-building?source=most\\_viewed](http://www.reformer.com/ci_20884377/vy-powers-down-smoke-reactor-building?source=most_viewed)

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

11. *June 19, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **Ceiling mounted light fixtures recalled by Thomas Lighting due to fire and shock hazards.** The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with Thomas Lighting, June 19 announced a voluntary recall of about 83,750 Thomas Lighting ceiling flush mount light fixtures. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless

otherwise instructed. The fixture's socket wire insulation can degrade, leading to charged wires becoming exposed, causing electricity to pass to the metal canopy of the fixture. This poses a fire and electric shock hazard to consumers. Thomas Lighting has received 11 reports of defective fixtures that resulted in the home's Arc Fault Circuit Interrupter (AFCI) tripping. The recall involves 28 different models of ceiling flush-mounted light fixtures manufactured between June 1, 2010 and November 25, 2010. Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml12/12197.html>

12. *June 19, WPVI 6 Philadelphia* – (New Jersey) **6-alarm fire at Camden metal manufacturing plant.** A Camden, New Jersey metal manufacturing plant fire that started June 18 and reached 6-alarms was under control June 19. Employees at Magnetic Metals Corporation were sent home after arriving to the plant for work June 19 while fire investigators continued to survey the plant. Due to possible contamination from hazardous chemicals, residents near the factory fire were asked to stay indoors and shut their windows. Officials also said there were about 75 people evacuated as a precaution. Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/wpvi/story?section=news/local&id=8706427>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

13. *June 19, BankInfoSecurity* – (California) **Settlement reached in ACH fraud case.** A lingering legal dispute over a corporate account takeover incident at an escrow company in Redondo Beach, California finally came to a close, BankInfoSecurity reported June 19. Village View Escrow Inc., which in March 2010 lost nearly \$400,000 after its online bank account with Professional Business Bank was taken over by hackers, reached a settlement with the bank for an undisclosed amount, according to Village View's owner and president. As a result of the settlement, Village View recovered more than the full amount of the funds that had been fraudulently taken from the account, plus interest, the company said in a statement. More details about the settlement were expected to be issued in coming weeks. Source: <http://www.bankinfosecurity.com/settlement-reached-in-ach-fraud-case-a-4872>
14. *June 19, IDG News Service* – (International) **Fake Android antivirus app likely linked to Zeus banking Trojan, researchers say.** A recently discovered fake Android security application is most likely a mobile component of the Zeus banking malware, security researchers from antivirus firm Kaspersky Lab said June 18. Called Android Security Suite Premium, the rogue app is capable of stealing SMS messages and uploading them to a remote server. When launched, the app displays a shield image that long associated with Windows fake antivirus programs. However, this might not be a



mobile scareware app, but a new variant of ZitMo — Zeus in the Mobile, a Kaspersky Lab senior malware analyst said. Their purpose is to steal mobile transaction authorization numbers (mTANs) sent by banks to customers via SMS messages. Without mTANs, fraudsters would not be able to authorize transactions initiated with stolen credentials. The registration information for the domain names where Android Security Suite Premium uploads stolen SMS messages matches the registration information for 2011 Zeus command-and-control domains. This, coupled with the app's SMS-stealing functionality makes it likely that this is a new ZitMo version. Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2012/061912-fake-android-antivirus-app-likely-260331.html>

15. *June 18, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (Texas; Alabama) **Three Houston men charged in \$68M bank fraud.** The FBI announced June 18 the indictment of three Houston-area men on federal conspiracy, wire fraud, and bank fraud charges, and a guilty plea by another man for an information charging conspiracy to make a false statement to a bank. Two of the men were senior figures at H and H Worldwide Financial Service Inc., while another was an attorney in the Houston area, and the final member a stockbroker employed by Tri-Star Financial Services. In February 2005, the H and H director began soliciting loans from the Federal Land Bank of South Alabama. He falsely claimed he had a large bond portfolio that could serve as collateral for the loans and submitted documents that concealed his plan to use about half the loan proceeds to purchase the bonds that were going to serve as collateral. The stockbroker provided documents to the bank to support the bond ownership claim. The bank made two loans to H and H totaling \$68.5 million. H and H used more than half the money to buy the bonds that were to serve as collateral. A significant amount of the loan proceeds were used for the personal benefits of the conspirators. Source: <http://www.loansafe.org/three-houston-men-charged-in-68m-bank-fraud>
16. *June 18, IDG News Service* – (International) **Data in possible credit card breach appears to be old.** A batch of names, addresses, e-mails, and phone numbers of credit card customers around the world released June 18 indicated a breach of a payment processor, but the data appeared old, IDG News Service reported. A hacker nicknamed “Reckz0r” posted a link to the data dump on Pastebin, and wrote on Twitter he had “penetrated over 79 large banks” and holds 50GB of data on MasterCard and Visa cardholders. No card numbers were released, however. Attempts to reach some of the U.S. cardholders affected were unsuccessful, since many of the phone numbers were disconnected or incorrect. But another person on the list in Australia said the information was very old. The home address published for him is 7 years out of date, and an e-mail address published at least 4 years old, the man said in a phone interview. The majority of the data appeared to come from U.S. cardholders, although other people listed purportedly live in countries including Egypt, Cambodia, Israel, Turkey, Pakistan, and elsewhere. The data includes only five digits of the credit card numbers and no expiration dates or three-digit security codes. The mix of international addresses indicates the target could have been an international payment processor, according to the head of CloudeyeZ, a security consultancy. Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9228222/Data in possible credit card breach appears to be old](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9228222/Data_in_possible_credit_card_breach_appears_to_be_old)

17. *June 18, Legal Times* – (International) **Feds: Millions of dollars intentionally damaged in criminal scheme.** The U.S. Secret Service seized more than \$4.24 million in currency that investigators believe was part of a money laundering scheme to acquire new bills in exchange for damaged dollars, the Legal Times reported June 18. Federal investigators said in a search warrant affidavit that more than a dozen packages of money submitted in a 2-year span since 2010 contained bills intentionally damaged through burning and chemical agents. Most of the money came from a bank in Argentina that agents did not identify in court papers unsealed the week of June 11 in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. The damaged cash was transmitted to the U.S. Treasury Department's Bureau of Engraving and Printing, which runs a money replacement program. A Secret Service agent said in an affidavit the currency scheme was an attempt to use the printing bureau's redemption system as a "money laundering machine." Investigators said they found two fragments of a single bill in two separate packages, indicating the person wanted to receive, from the federal government, two new bills from one \$100 bill. The fragments were identified through the serial number. Some of the bills appeared as if they were damaged by chemical means to make them appear older and more worn than they actually were.

Source: <http://legaltimes.typepad.com/blt/2012/06/feds-millions-of-dollars-intentionally-damaged-in-criminal-scheme.html>

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## **Transportation Sector**

18. *June 19, WDRB 41 Louisville* – (Kentucky) **Semi crash limits I-264 eastbound access to 71 southbound.** A semi crash June 18 caused major problems after it occurred on the access ramp from eastbound I-264 where it merges with southbound I-71 in Louisville, Kentucky. Interstate 71 was completely closed for almost 5 hours into June 19, and one lane remained closed another several hours after that, as HAZMAT crews cleaned up. The truck driver was taken to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Source: <http://www.wdrb.com/story/18821762/semi-crash-blocking-watterson-eastbound-access-to-71-southbound>

19. *June 18, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Bus radiator mishap burns 4 Wash. school kids.** A Mukilteo, Washington School District spokesman said four third-graders suffered minor leg burns when a school bus radiator malfunctioned, sending steam through the floor of the bus. He said the four were taken to a hospital for treatment June 18. No serious injuries were reported. Teachers and parents were also on the bus. The spokesman said steam blasted through the floor when the radiator blew out on the rear-engine bus. The burned students were sitting above the engine.

Source:

[http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/localnews/2018468190\\_apwaschoolbusradiator.html](http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/localnews/2018468190_apwaschoolbusradiator.html)



20. *June 18, DNainfo.com* – (New York; New Jersey) **First responders at JFK Airport unqualified to handle emergencies, feds say.** A federal agency found scores of first responders at New York City's John F. Kennedy (JFK) Airport were not qualified to handle emergencies, DNainfo.com reported June 18. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) investigators found the overwhelming majority of the nearly 200 cops at JFK either lacked the proper certification to respond to such emergencies or had seen their certifications expire, sources said. The FAA's revelation forced the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to pull the unqualified officers and force the certified personnel to work overtime to cover the gaps, sources said. They said similar issues were found at New York City's LaGuardia and New Jersey's Newark International Airport, but they were not as severe as the ones found at JFK. The problem at JFK was discovered around April, when the FAA conducted an annual review to determine if the airport had enough properly trained officers to handle any emergency. A spokesman for the FAA said it "is currently reviewing a discrepancy in training records for aircraft rescue and firefighting training at John F. Kennedy International Airport."  
Source: <http://www.dnainfo.com/new-york/20120618/new-york-city/first-responders-at-jfk-airport-unqualified-handle-emergencies-feds-say>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

21. *June 19, Palo Alto Daily News* – (California) **Vandals blow up three mailboxes in Menlo Park.** Vandals blew up three home mailboxes in Menlo Park, California, the week of June 11, according to police. The explosions, one June 13, and two June 14, appeared to be caused by debris stuffed into free-standing boxes and ignited with large fireworks, a Menlo Park police sergeant said. The boxes sustained heavy damage, police said. All three blasts took place at about 9 p.m. about a mile away from each other. The victims seem to have been picked at random, the sergeant said. A witness spotted a red pickup truck with a couple of teenage boys fleeing from one of the explosions, he said. Atherton police were alerted to be on the lookout for the suspects because the explosions happened near the town's border with Menlo Park.  
Source: [http://www.contracostatimes.com/california/ci\\_20886490/vandals-blow-up-three-mailboxes-menlo-park](http://www.contracostatimes.com/california/ci_20886490/vandals-blow-up-three-mailboxes-menlo-park)
22. *June 15, WMAQ 5 Chicago* – (Illinois) **Stiffer punishments coming for crimes against postal workers.** People convicted of crimes against postal workers in Illinois may face longer prison sentences under a new law signed by the State's governor June 15. The law allows convictions of crimes such as battery, assault, and robbery against mail carriers to be considered reasons "in favor of imposing a term of imprisonment or may be considered by the court as reasons to impose a more severe sentence." The law, set to take effect January 1, 2013, came as an initiative of the National Association of Letter Carriers to ensure postal workers take proper steps if a crime is committed against them, according to the governor's office. Mail carriers already have protection under federal law, but this law allows Illinois courts to consider postal service

employment in their proceedings, the governor's office said.

Source: <http://www.nbcchicago.com/blogs/ward-room/quinn-usps-crime-sb3665-159233375.html>

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

23. *June 19, Associated Press* – (Wisconsin; National) **Wisconsin's maple syrup crop down.** Wisconsin's maple-syrup industry was trying to salvage whatever little sap was flowing after the spring's unusually warm weather. Now officials have determined just how bad the harvest was, the Associated Press reported June 19. The U.S. Department of Agriculture said Wisconsin produced 50,000 gallons in 2012. That is down 68 percent from the 155,000 gallons produced in 2011. Maple trees generate the most sap when cool days are followed by freezing nights. That was a problem in 2012, as temperatures began hitting the high 60s by mid-March. Wisconsin was not the only State whose harvest suffered. Every major producer except Maine saw a decrease. U.S. production fell 32 percent to 1.9 million gallons.

Source:

[http://www.nbc15.com/home/headlines/Wisconsins\\_Maple\\_Syrup\\_Crop\\_Down\\_159545755.html](http://www.nbc15.com/home/headlines/Wisconsins_Maple_Syrup_Crop_Down_159545755.html)

24. *June 19, Auburn Citizen* – (New York) **Destructive armyworms arrive in the region.** Some Auburn, New York residents have seen evidence of true armyworms (also known as common armyworms) invading their properties, causing lawns, hay, and grain fields to look brown and dying, the Auburn Citizen reported June 19. According to the Cornell Cooperative Extension, the invasion of the armyworms started the the week of May 28 in western New York, and they continue their trek east. The State Department of Agriculture confirmed that armyworms "severely impacted" parts of the State. Past infestations occurred in 2001 and 2008. The New York State Integrated Pest Management Livestock and Field Crops coordinator expected a second generation to cause more damage in July.

Source: [http://auburnpub.com/news/local/destructive-armyworms-arrive-in-the-region/article\\_d95b86c7-e924-523f-a8f3-8ce1992f89a3.html](http://auburnpub.com/news/local/destructive-armyworms-arrive-in-the-region/article_d95b86c7-e924-523f-a8f3-8ce1992f89a3.html)

25. *June 18, Evansville Courier & Press* – (Kentucky) **Drought reaches extreme status; crops are hurting.** With western Kentucky having officially deteriorated from a "severe" to an "extreme" drought, some farmers could face a situation where their crops in 2012 will just barely cover their production expenses, the Evansville Courier & Press reported June 18. This development comes in a year when spring came so early that farmers planted their corn weeks earlier than normal, hoping the crop could benefit from spring rains before the threat of a dry, hot summer. Instead, virtually the entire spring was in drought. Less than an inch of rain fell in western Kentucky from mid-May to mid-June, according to the University of Kentucky Agricultural Weather Center. Corn and soybean crops are under stress, with exactly 50 percent of each crop rated in fair, poor, or very poor condition as of June 17, said the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Kentucky Agricultural Statistics Service, which surveys farmers, county

agents, and others weekly to assess crop conditions. Pastures are faring worse, with grasses already brown.

Source: <http://www.courierpress.com/news/2012/jun/18/drought-reaches-extreme-status-crops-are-hurting/>

26. *June 18, WISC 3 Madison* – (Wisconsin) **Fire destroys barn, kills cattle in Town of Bristol.** Authorities were investigating a fire that destroyed a 100-year-old barn June 18 in the Town of Bristol, Wisconsin. Deputies from the Dane County Sheriff's Department, assisted by 10 area fire departments, responded to a fire at a calf farm. Sheriff's deputies said the barn was fully engulfed when they arrived. The barn housed between 50 and 60 head of cattle plus hay and various pieces of machinery, all of which were lost in the fire. Damage was estimated at \$230,000, with the barn considered a total loss.

Source: <http://www.channel3000.com/news/Fire-destroys-barn-kills-cattle-in-Town-of-Bristol/-/1648/15139098/-/3ssi8gz/-/index.html>

27. *June 18, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Massachusetts) **US Labor Department's OSHA cites Tribe Mediterranean Foods for safety violations following death of a worker in Taunton, Mass.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) cited Tribe Mediterranean Foods, a subsidiary of Nestle SA that manufactures Tribe brand hummus products, for 18 alleged violations of workplace safety standards following the death of a worker at its Taunton, Massachusetts production plant, the U.S. Department of Labor reported June 18. The OSHA opened an inspection December 16, 2011, after a contract employee who was cleaning and sanitizing a machine used in the hummus manufacturing process was caught, pulled into the machine, and crushed between two rotating augers. The OSHA found Tribe had not trained the deceased worker and six other workers who cleaned plant machinery on hazardous energy control or "lockout/tagout" procedures. The agency issued Tribe citations for two additional willful violations, one for failing to adequately train maintenance workers to recognize hazardous energy sources and one for failing to develop and utilize lockout/tagout procedures. Citations for three repeat violations were issued for failing to conduct periodic inspections of the energy control procedures, inadequate guarding of rotating blades on blending tanks, and an exposed chain and sprocket on a conveyor. Tribe faces a total of \$702,300 in proposed fines.

Source:

[http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=NEWS\\_RELEASES&p\\_id=22566](http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=22566)

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## **Water Sector**

28. *June 18, MLive.com* – (Michigan) **Morning storm spills 58,000 gallons of sewage into Grand River.** For the first time since July 2011, the Grand Rapids, Michigan sewer system overflowed raw sewage into the Grand River June 18. After a storm, officials reported two combined-sewer overflows of 58,000 gallons. Heavy rain filled two of the city's four remaining points where storm water and sanitary sewer pipes run

together, while a third was close to overflowing. The city measured up to 1.44 inches of rain in some spots, with intensity ranging as high as 5.4-inches per hour. The city spent \$250 million separating combined sanitary and storm sewers over the past 15 years, with work scheduled to conclude in 2016.

Source: [http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2012/06/morning\\_storm\\_spills\\_58000\\_gal.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2012/06/morning_storm_spills_58000_gal.html)

29. *June 18, Massillon Independent* – (Ohio) **Forty Corners owner agrees to Ohio EPA settlement.** The owner of the Forty Corners Mobile Home Park in Lawrence Township, Ohio, agreed to pay \$21,037 to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and rectify the park's wastewater-sewer system after repeatedly violating the Clean Water Act since 2006. The EPA determined that during heavy rains, the park intentionally diverted inadequately treated wastewater around its treatment plant and into an unnamed tributary of the Tuscarawas River. As part of a settlement, the park manager agreed to enhance staffing at the park's treatment plant. It must pay \$16,830 to the Ohio EPA and contribute \$4,207 to its Clean Diesel School Bus Fund.

Source: <http://www.indeonline.com/news/x448222831/Forty-Corners-owner-agrees-to-Ohio-EPA-settlement>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

30. *June 18, Threatpost* – (International) **Infections at medical device firm lasted for months.** New evidence suggests a Web site hosting software updates for life-saving medical equipment was the victim of a massive SQL injection attack and may have been redirecting visitors to a site distributing attacks and malicious software for months before the company became aware of the compromise, Threatpost reported June 18. The Web site [viasyshealthcare\(dot\)com](http://viasyshealthcare.com) was infected for more than 2 months — from March 23, 2012 to May 31, 2012 — according to data from the anti-spam Web site Clean MX. The length of the compromise makes it likely that CareFusion's customers — hospitals and other medical offices — were exposed to Web based attacks when they attempted to download software updates for the firm's medical devices. Viasyshealthcare(dot)com is a Web property that belongs to health care equipment maker CareFusion and used to distribute software updates for CareFusion's Alaris-brand infusion pumps and AVEA, AirLife, and LTV series ventilation and respiratory products. The infection on CareFusion's software update site was detected after an assistant professor at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, noticed their Web site offering an update was blocked by Google's Safe Browsing service because it was distributing malicious content. The assistant professor contacted CareFusion, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and the Food and Drug Administration. While the exact source of the attack is unknown, an analysis by DHS revealed CareFusion was lax in updating the software used to host [viasyshealthcare\(dot\)com](http://viasyshealthcare.com). Some of CareFusion's Web sites were relying on 6-year-old versions of ASP.NET and Microsoft Internet Information Services version 6.0, released with Windows Server

2003. Both platforms have known, critical vulnerabilities and are highly susceptible to compromise if not patched and properly managed. DHS's Industrial Control System Computer Emergency Response Team is working with CareFusion to address the widespread infection.

Source: [http://threatpost.com/en\\_us/blogs/infections-medical-device-firm-lasting-months-061812](http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/infections-medical-device-firm-lasting-months-061812)

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

31. *June 19, Newark Star-Ledger* – (New Jersey) **Officials investigating cause of mysterious illness outbreak that led to closure of Monmouth courthouse.** Nausea, chest pains, breathing difficulties, skin rashes — those were just a few of the complaints of the 65 people who suddenly fell ill at the Monmouth County Courthouse in Freehold, New Jersey, June 18. It was the second time in 2 business days the courthouse had to be evacuated because of a mysterious problem. The building was closed June 19, a county spokesman said. The incident brought more than a dozen ambulances, sheriff's emergency vans, and a county HAZMAT unit to the courthouse. Twenty-five people were taken to the hospital. Another 40 were treated outside the courthouse. June 15, when 17 people became ill, the incident was confined to the first floor of the west wing and led the county to clean the affected areas the weekend of June 16. At the time, the cause was attributed to cut flowers, which were all removed. However, after the June 18 incident, the spokesperson said "the flowers have been ruled out." He also added there was "no indication of foul play."

Source: [http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2012/06/officials\\_investigating\\_cause.html](http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2012/06/officials_investigating_cause.html)

32. *June 18, Associated Press* – (Alaska) **2 Alaska militia members convicted of conspiracy.** The leader of an Alaska militia who gave speeches claiming Fairbanks was on the verge of having blood in its streets was convicted June 18 of nine federal charges, including conspiracy to kill federal law enforcement officers and possession of illegal weapons. The jury convicted the leader's second-in-command of conspiring to possess unregistered silencers and hand grenades, and of possessing an unregistered 37 mm projectile launcher loaded with a "hornet's nest" anti-personnel round that contained rubber pellets.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/n/a/2012/06/18/national/a162949D15.DTL>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

33. *June 18, Associated Press* – (New Mexico) **Officials: Prison worker busted for drug smuggling.** A contract food service employee was caught smuggling 26 grams of cocaine and 46 grams of heroin into the Southern New Mexico Corrections Facility in

Las Cruces, New Mexico, according to the New Mexico Corrections Department June 18. Authorities believe it was one of the largest drug busts within the state prison system. Prison officials made the bust the week of June 11 after secretly listening to calls between the woman and an inmate who worked in the kitchen and was described as her fiancé. The inmate was serving time for trafficking a controlled substance with intent to distribute. The drugs' estimated value in prison was \$5,000, officials said. The woman has yet to be formally charged, but she is expected to face six felony counts related to drug trafficking. The pair may have successfully smuggled drugs into prison at least once. Authorities said cocaine and heroin busts at New Mexico prisons normally involve a gram or less.

Source: [http://www.alamogordonews.com/ci\\_20883415/nm-prison-worker-busted-drug-trafficking](http://www.alamogordonews.com/ci_20883415/nm-prison-worker-busted-drug-trafficking)

34. *June 18, Department of Justice* – (Oklahoma) **City man charged for pointing laser at Oklahoma City Police helicopter.** The U.S. Department of Justice's U.S. Attorney's office for the Western District of Oklahoma issued a press release June 15 saying a federal felony complaint was filed June 14 charging a man with two counts of aiming the beam of a laser pointer at an aircraft, specifically the Oklahoma City Police Department helicopter. The complaint alleged that on two separate occasions, once June 10 and again June 11, the man pointed a green laser beam at the helicopter while it was flying in a particular area in Oklahoma City. If convicted, the man faces up to 5 years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine. These charges are the result of an investigation by the FBI and the Oklahoma City Police Department.

Source: <http://www.avionics-intelligence.com/news/2012/06/18/city-man-charged-for-pointing-laser-at-oklahoma-city-police-helicopter.html>

35. *June 18, KGBT 4 Harlingen* – (Texas) **State trooper's uniform, gear stolen in Weslaco area burglary.** Authorities issued an alert after the home of a state trooper in Harlingen, Texas, was burglarized and his uniform and gear were stolen, KGBT 4 Harlingen reported June 18. It is not clear if the thieves stole the trooper's state-issued gun or what they intend to do with the stolen items. Law enforcement officials issued a "Be On The Lookout" alert June 17.

Source: <http://www.valleycentral.com/news/story.aspx?id=766716#.T-CwJ1Jgq-Y>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

36. *June 19, H Security* – (International) **Joomla 2.5.5 security updates arrives with added features.** Joomla! developers released version 2.5.5 of the open source content management system. The new version includes two security updates and fixes several bugs. Joomla! 2.5.5 allows users to copy templates under a new name and modify them later on. A new plugin for user profiles allows administrators to show terms of service agreements and require users to sign off on them. Administrators can also restrict which user names are available and how often users can request to reset their



passwords during a given amount of time.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Joomla-2-5-5-security-updates-arrives-with-added-features-1621098.html>

37. *June 18, Infosecurity* – (International) **Opera plugs six security holes in latest version of web browser.** Opera released version 12 of its Web browser, which includes fixes for six security holes as well as the addition of a Do Not Track feature. Opera fixed the following security issues: hidden keyboard navigation that could allow cross-site scripting or code execution; a combination of clicks and key presses that could lead to cross-site scripting or code execution; cross-domain JSON resources that may be exposed as JavaScript variable data; carefully timed reloads, redirects, and navigation that could spoof the address field; pages that could prevent navigation to a target page, spoofing of the address field; and a “moderate severity issue,” details of which will be disclosed at a “later date.”

Source: <http://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/view/26405/>

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## Communications Sector

38. *June 18, WALB 10 Albany* – (Georgia) **Thieves steal equipment from Christian radio station.** Thieves knocked a Christian radio station in Tifton, Georgia, off the air June 18. They broke into the station and stole thousands of dollars worth of equipment from Hook FM, specifically targeting production equipment and leaving other valuable items behind. There was no sign of forced entry. The station spent several hours off air. Police found the Hook FM vehicle about a mile from the station. The thieves used the vehicle to transport the thousands of dollars in production equipment taken from inside, including cameras to special computers. A popular country station was also hit, the sister station WTIF 107.5, which is located in the same building as Hook FM. Shortly after disc-jockeys informed listeners about what happened, a person from Ashburn found some of the equipment behind Ole Times Country Buffett. Employees said it was the only piece of equipment taken that had a Hook FM logo on it.

Source: <http://www.walb.com/story/18818572/a-tifton-christian-radio-station>

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## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

39. *June 19, Eugene Register-Guard* – (Oregon) **Apartment residents flee ‘wall of fire’**. A fast-moving fire swept through several apartments on the upper floor of a downtown Eugene, Oregon building June 18, leaving an unknown number of people homeless and the building a charred shell. A clothing resale business occupies the first floor of the building and at least four apartments were on the second floor. Fire officials said the fire started on an upstairs back porch. The damage loss was placed at \$350,000. More than 30 firefighters from Eugene and Springfield and about a dozen trucks battled the fire. The upper floor appeared to be a complete loss, and the ground floor sustained heavy water and smoke damage.  
Source: <http://www.registerguard.com/web/newslocalnews/28253154-57/building-fire-eugene-downtown-apartment.html.csp>
40. *June 18, Northwest Cable News* – (Washington) **Three-alarm Spokane apartment fire ruled accidental**. A three-alarm fire ripped through a north Spokane, Washington apartment complex, leaving more than a dozen people displaced. It started June 17 at the Autumn Ridge Apartments. Five units were destroyed, but seven total apartments suffered damage. The roof over them completely collapsed. The fire department had to call in resources from around the area to help them battle the flames. Crews took nearly an hour to contain the fire. Officials said the three alarm fire originated on the exterior balcony of a second level unit.  
Source: <http://www.nwcn.com/news/washington/159473025.html>
41. *June 18, Arizona Republic* – (Arizona) **Gilbert warehouse fire under investigation**. Fire officials were expected to continue their investigation June 19 into the cause of a fire at a Gilbert, Arizona plumbing-wholesale company that generated thick, black smoke that could be seen for miles June 18. A Mesa fire captain said the fire primarily involved materials in a backyard storage area behind Farnsworth Wholesale. Wind whipped the flames and drove the huge plume of smoke for about 90 minutes after the fire broke out. Several small explosions were heard during the first half-hour of the fire. At least 40 fire trucks and 125 firefighters from Gilbert, Tempe, Chandler, and Mesa responded, and an aerial tanker sprayed water on the fire for about an hour. Gilbert police and fire personnel issued a voluntary evacuation order for those who lived immediately to the east of where the fire broke out. State environmental officials determined it was safe for residents to return, but still advised them to minimize their exposure to the outdoors due to smoke and chemical fumes. The controller of Farnsworth Wholesale said it is assumed the Gilbert facility will be closed “for many, many months.”  
Source: <http://www.azcentral.com/arizonarepublic/local/articles/2012/06/18/20120618gilbert-fire-building-brk.html>

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42. *June 19, WNCT 9 Greenville* – (North Carolina) **Croatan National Forest wildfire grows to 21,000 acres.** A wildfire caused when a controlled burn at Croatan National Forest in North Carolina got out of control during the weekend of June 16, more than doubled in size June 19. The wildfire grew to 21,000 acres June 19. A district ranger said the spread went as planned, and was not expected to get any bigger. The National Weather Service issued a Code Red Air Quality alert for Craven County until June 19. The North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources issued a Code Red Air Quality Action Day for Craven, Jones, and Pamlico Counties until June 19. Source: <http://www2.wnct.com/news/2012/jun/17/32/fire-nc-croatan-national-forest-uncontained-ar-2364118/>
43. *June 19, Associated Press* – (Colorado; National) **Colorado wildfire now 50 percent contained.** A wildfire that charred nearly 92 square miles in northern Colorado was 50 percent contained as of June 19. Eight more homes were found June 18 to have burned in the fire near Fort Collins, bringing the number of homes destroyed to at least 189, the most in the State's history. Another fire that started June 17 in the foothills west of Colorado Springs prompted evacuations of cabins, a Boy Scout camp, and a recreation area near the Elevenmile Canyon Reservoir, which provides water to the Denver area. That fire had burned about 1.5 square miles as of June 18, and fire managers said it had the potential to grow much more in the dry conditions. Meanwhile, a fire near Pagosa Springs in the southwestern part of the State grew to nearly 19 square miles and was reported at 30 percent containment. Source: <http://www.timesrecordnews.com/news/2012/jun/19/colorado-wildfire-now-50-percent-contained/>
44. *June 19, Associated Press* – (California) **San Diego County wildfire 75 percent contained.** Firefighters got a break from predicted winds and were able to contain 75 percent of a 900-acre wildfire in eastern San Diego County June 19. More than 800 firefighters were battling the fire, with full containment expected by June 20. One home burned, and 150 homes were evacuated. Evacuation orders remained in effect June 19 because of road conditions and emergency equipment in the area. The wildfire began June 17 near the Golden Acorn Casino and sent flames burning along Old Highway 80. An evacuation center was set up at the casino. Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/n/a/2012/06/17/state/n175920D45.DTL&tsp=1>
45. *June 19, Associated Press* – (Kentucky) **Officials restrict activities at Eastern Ky. park after fish die.** Officials at a State park in Eastern Kentucky restricted some activities like swimming and feeding the ducks because of a water contamination that has killed several fish, the Associated Press reported June 19. A district biologist for southeastern Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Resources said the contamination at Levi Jackson State Park was from excess nutrients in the water, such as cow manure washing into streams. The oxygen levels were below average, and high temperatures and low water levels were complicating the problem. A park manager said they were likely to stop selling duck food to reduce the amount of nutrients in the water, and park

officials were considering stopping work at McHargue's Mill to allow the water level to rise.

Source: <http://www.kentucky.com/2012/06/19/2229967/officials-restrict-activities.html>

46. *June 19, Honolulu Star-Advertiser* – (Hawaii) **Homes damaged, hospital evacuated due to brush fires on Maui, Hawaii Island.** Wind-powered wildfires torched hundreds of acres in and forced the closure of some state parks, closed many roads, and forced the evacuation of a small hospital on the Hawaiian islands of Maui and Hawaii, June 18. On Maui, residents in Kula were evacuated, said a Maui Fire Department fire services chief. Meanwhile, firefighters from the State Department of Forest and Wildlife battled a separate fire in the Makawao State Forest Reserve above the Kahakapao reservoir near Olinda. About 4 acres were burned, said a State Department of Land and Natural Resources spokeswoman. State officials closed the Kula State Forest Reserve, including Polipolii Spring State Park, due to high winds and danger caused by falling trees and branches. About 10 individuals camping at the park or other parts of Haleakala National Park were evacuated. In Hawaii County, more than 50 firefighters were battling fires on two fronts totaling an estimated 650 acres in Pahala, on the southern end of the island, an assistant fire chief said. Mamalahoa Highway was shut down for 7 hours. Firefighters were more concerned about a fire that burned near a community hospital, which was evacuated to the Naalehu Community Center.

Source: <http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/breaking/159522115.html>

47. *June 18, Associated Press* – (New Mexico) **Fire along San Juan River burns structures within 5-mile area.** Winds were dying down and firefighting crews were starting to make progress on a wildfire that burned four structures along the San Juan River in far northwestern New Mexico. New Mexico forestry officials said the fire charred an estimated 100 acres by June 18. The fire has spread over a 5-mile area along the river.

Source:

<http://durangoherald.com/article/20120619/NEWS01/706199928/0/News03/Fire-along-San-Juan-River-burns-structures-within-5-mile-area>

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