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- Utility crews struggled to catch up with a backlog of millions of people without electricity in 8 States for a fourth day July 2, as authorities feared the toll of 22 storm deaths could rise because of stifling conditions and generator fumes. – *Associated Press* (See item [1](#))
- A new Pacific Gas and Electric report identified 500 trouble spots on natural gas pipelines of the sort that led to the 2010 San Bruno, California explosion that killed 8 people and destroyed 38 homes. – *KGO 7 San Francisco* (See item [3](#))
- A former federal immigration services' contractor at the nation's largest warehouse for immigration forms was charged with selling blank forms to a crime ring that procured driver's licenses and visas for illegal immigrants and other unauthorized individuals. – *Nextgov* (See item [33](#))
- Fairfax County, Virginia's 9-1-1 emergency center operated at half capacity July 2, as Verizon struggled to figure out why both its primary and backup power systems failed after the June 29 storm and left much of Northern Virginia without 9-1-1 service through the weekend of June 30. – *Washington Post* (See item [37](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *July 3, Associated Press* – (National) **Nearly 1.4M still without power days after deadly storms.** Utility crews struggled to catch up with a backlog of millions of people without electricity for a fourth day July 2 as frustration grew and authorities feared the toll of 22 storm deaths could rise because of stifling conditions and generator fumes. Power was back for more than 1 million customers but lights — and air-conditioning — were still out for about 1.4 million homes and businesses in 7 States and Washington, D.C. The damage was done by powerful wind storms that swept from the Midwest to the Mid-Atlantic June 29, toppling trees and branches into power lines and knocking out big transmission towers and electrical substations. Utilities were warning that many neighborhoods could remain in the dark for much of the week of July 2, if not beyond. Utility companies had to wait days for extra crews traveling from as far away as Quebec and Oklahoma. Workers found that the toppled trees and power lines often entangled broken equipment in debris that had to be removed before workers could even get started.
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2012/07/03/utility-crews-making-headway-but-not-fast-enough/>
2. *July 2, Associated Press* – (North Carolina) **NC lawmakers OK tougher plant protest penalties.** The North Carolina legislature agreed to give police authority to charge protesters at North Carolina utility plants with felonies if they attempt to disrupt plant operations or place themselves or others at risk of injury. The senate gave final legislative approval July 2 to legislation increasing penalties for first-degree trespass when they occur at power and water treatment plants. The measure was in response to the arrests of Greenpeace protesters at a coal-fired Duke Energy plant in Arden. Some protesters climbed a smokestack and others secured themselves to equipment. First-degree trespassing is currently a misdemeanor with a maximum 60 days in jail. The bill creates a higher grade of misdemeanor and a low-grade felony that could mean several months behind bars for a first offense.
Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/NC-lawmakers-OK-tougher-plant-protest-penalties-3679491.php>
3. *July 2, KGO 7 San Francisco* – (California) **PG&E identifies 239 pipelines at risk of failure.** A Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) report identified 500 trouble spots of the sort that led to the San Bruno, California disaster. It concerns pipelines that were over-pressurized by the utility company. The report was filed last March with the Public Utilities Commission, but it did not come to light until July 2 after a reporter at the San Francisco Chronicle dug it up. The report identifies 239 gas transmission lines that are at risk of failure similar to the explosion of Line 132 in San Bruno. The 2010 explosion killed 8 people and destroyed 38 homes. “It’s important to remember this is 40-something, about 46 miles out of our entire system, so there is 230 lines that were identified here, but it’s only small segments of those lines. It could be anywhere from a foot to a few thousand feet,” a PG&E spokesman said. He said the utility is taking action to test or repair the trouble spots. A State assemblyman said PG&E hired an

outside firm to assess the problem areas.

Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/local&id=8721830>

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Chemical Industry Sector

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

4. *July 3, Dayton Daily News* – (Ohio) **Lost nuke material may net \$8,500 fine; Rice-sized pieces of radioactive material missing from center.** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) could fine the U.S. Air Force \$8,500 after a rice-sized piece of radioactive material used with a portable nuclear gamma camera was missing at Wright-Patterson Medical Center on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, the Dayton Daily News reported July 3. The Air Force accepted a NRC notice of violation because of the incident and has taken “very strong corrective action” to avoid a reoccurrence, a Wright-Patterson spokesman said. The material did not pose a safety risk to the public. The NRC was notified in October 2011 that a “small amount” of sealed americium-241 was lost from a locked storage container. Air Force staff checked to ensure the container was locked, but did not do a visual check to verify the material remained inside from November 2004 until it was discovered missing in September 2011, the NRC said. The sealed material was attached to a wand to mark areas captured in images by a medical gamma camera.

Source: <http://www.utilityproducts.com/news/2012/07/03/lost-nuke-material-may-net-8-500-fine-nl-rice-sized-piece-of-radioactive-material-missing-from-cente.html>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

5. *July 3, New Bedford Standard-Times* – (Massachusetts) **EPA fines Fairhaven Shipyard for Clean Water Act violation.** Fairhaven Shipyard Companies Inc. in Fairhaven, Massachusetts, agreed to pay a \$175,000 fine to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for violating the Clean Water Act, the New Bedford Standard-Times reported July 3. A statement released by the EPA alleged that between December 2005 and July 2010 pressure-washing ship hulls at the shipyard released untreated wastewater into New Bedford Harbor. The shipyard did not have the required permit at the time and in 2008 the pressure-washing was discovered after the Coast Guard was called to investigate large areas of red-stained water in the harbor. Paint residues containing copper, lead, and zinc as well as oil, grease, and detergents were among the pollutants released while pressure-washing vessels. The EPA also alleged

that from December 2005 to January 2009 the shipyard allowed storm water from rain that had come into contact with pollutants to flow into the harbor.

Source:

<http://www.southcoasttoday.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20120703/NEWS/207030329/-1/NEWS10>

6. *July 2, Reedsburg Police Department* – (Wisconsin) **Foundry worker arrested for theft of copper.** An employee of the Grede Foundry in Reedsburg, Wisconsin, was arrested June 29 after admitting to stealing over 300 pounds of copper from the foundry over a 2-month period. Reedsburg police were alerted by Grede management after their internal investigation revealed the employee had stolen copper from their plant. The employee had worked there for less than 1 year, and admitted to taking the copper and scrap-selling it for \$3.50 per pound.

Source:

http://www.nbc15.com/news/crimetracker/headlines/Foundry_Worker_Arrested_For_Theft_Of_Copper_161120185.html

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

7. *July 3, Roanoke Times* – (Virginia) **Acid spill at Radford Arsenal injures worker, halts production.** A chemical spill that continued for nearly 2 hours late July 1 and early July 2 at the Radford Army Ammunition Plant in Radford, Virginia injured one person and prompted authorities to shut down a key production line at the propellant facility. The injured worker was released from the hospital July 2 after being held for observation following exposure to fumes, according to plant officials. A defense contractor was in the first day of a newly awarded 10-year contract to operate the facility July 1 when an acid tank overheated and began leaking. Fumes and a severe thunderstorm delayed efforts to stop it. It is unclear when the nitrocellulose production laboratory, where the incident occurred, will resume operation. A U.S. Army spokesman said repairs and cleanup were expected to take 3 weeks, but the contractor released what it called a joint company-Army statement that said normal operations were expected to resume July 3. The arsenal was open the afternoon of July 2, he said, though access was limited much of the day to key personnel. The contractor said that was a safety precaution.

Source: <http://www.roanoke.com/news/roanoke/wb/310986>

8. *July 2, Military Times* – (Virginia) **Navy: Engine failure caused Va. Hornet crash.** An unprecedented dual engine failure caused an F/A-18D Hornet flying a training mission to crash into a Virginia Beach, Virginia apartment building, U.S. Navy officials said July 2. Five seconds after taking off from a runway at Naval Air Station Oceana April 6, the compressor in the Hornet's right engine stalled. Moments later, in an unrelated problem, the left engine's afterburner malfunctioned. This dual problem resulted in a loss of thrust and control of the aircraft, a Navy investigation said. Losing altitude, the student pilot and the weapons system officer on board as an instructor ejected when the plane was just 50 feet from the ground. The plane, which was a part of

Strike Fighter Squadron 106, a training squadron, crashed into a 2-story apartment building, destroying 27 units. Nobody was killed. Nine people, including the aircrew were treated at a local hospital. What caused the malfunctions has not been determined, but it never happened before in the history of naval aviation, Navy officials said.

Source: <http://www.militarytimes.com/news/2012/07/navy-engine-failure-caused-virginia-beach-hornet-crash-070212/>

9. *July 2, New York Times* – (National) **Oxygen problems on F-22 elude the Air Force's fixes.** In June, a breakthrough for solving the oxygen deprivation symptoms experienced by F-22 Raptor pilots seemed to be apparent. Investigators believed a malfunctioning pressure vest was restricting pilots' breathing and narrow oxygen hoses were leaking and not delivering enough air. Pilots began flying without the vest, and, buoyed by 3 months without an episode, U.S. Air Force officials told the news media they might be close to a solution. However, the week of June 25, an episode happened again at Langley Air Force base in Hampton, Virginia. A pilot pulled his emergency oxygen handle sometime after landing because of what the Air Force characterized as "discomfort" from intermittent air flow into the pilot's mask during flight. The Air Force is investigating but so far has said little.

Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2012/07/03/us/politics/for-f-22-oxygen-problems-elude-air-forces-fixes.html?_r=2&pagewanted=all

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Banking and Finance Sector

10. *July 3, Associated Press* – (Illinois) **4 indicted in alleged mortgage fraud.** A federal grand jury indicted four people in the Chicago area on charges they fraudulently secured dozens of residential mortgage loans worth \$9 million. The U.S. attorney's office said in a statement July 2 that the indictments were part of an ongoing bid to crack down on mortgage fraud in northern Illinois. It said around 200 defendants have been similarly charged since 2008. The defendants in the most recent case were charged with bank fraud, mail fraud, and wire fraud. A realtor, loan originators, and others allegedly submitted fraudulent loan applications and other documents to land the mortgages. Lenders' losses totaled nearly \$5 million because of mortgages never fully recovered.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/4-indicted-in-alleged-mortgage-fraud-3680534.php>

11. *July 3, Reuters* – (International) **Full Tilt Poker CEO arrested on fraud charges.** The chief of Full Tilt Poker surrendered to authorities July 2 and pleaded not guilty to charges of illegal gambling and that the online poker operator defrauded its players. The man had been working at Full Tilt's Dublin, Ireland, headquarters, and until July 2 had not returned to the United States since charges against him were first announced in April 2011. At a hearing in Manhattan federal court, the company chief pleaded not guilty to nine criminal counts, including illegal gambling, money laundering, and wire

fraud charges. Online gambling has been illegal in the United States since 2006, the year the man moved Full Tilt's operations to Ireland. Since unveiling the case, prosecutors have expanded both their civil and criminal charges against Full Tilt. They said it operates as a Ponzi scheme and paid its directors more than \$440 million while defrauding players, even after the charges were filed. Prosecutors said Full Tilt has taken in about \$1 billion from players in the U.S. They estimated that Full Tilt still owes \$350 million to customers in the U.S. Federal prosecutors in Manhattan have charged 11 people at the 3 biggest online poker companies: Absolute Poker, Full Tilt Poker, and PokerStars. The U.S. government also seized their Internet domain names. Source: http://today.msnbc.msn.com/id/48058369/ns/business-us_business/#.T_MbQxee659

12. *July 2, Atlanta Journal-Constitution* – (Georgia) **Investment adviser accused of \$40 million fraud.** An investment adviser who nearly 2 years ago helped send a lifeline to a struggling south Georgia bank is missing, and authorities accuse him of a \$40 million fraud, the Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported July 2. In a 22-page letter to investors, the adviser allegedly admitted he made false statements to conceal losses of \$20 million to \$23 million. Regulators said he told clients he was investing their money in traditional stocks, but he also put money into “illiquid” bets including South American real estate, and shares of Montgomery Bank and Trust. Tens of millions of dollars were placed into an account at Goldman Sachs, which suffered heavy losses, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) complaint said. Securities regulators accuse the adviser of falsifying account data to conceal the losses. The SEC also said frequent transfers of investor funds were made to the operating account of one of his companies. The FBI was among the agencies assisting in the matter. Source: <http://www.ajc.com/business/investment-adviser-accused-of-1469306.html>
13. *July 2, Reuters* – (National) **First wave of U.S. ‘living wills’ provides a blueprint for the industry.** U.S. bank holding companies with \$250 billion or more in total nonbank assets and foreign-based bank holding companies with \$250 billion or more in total U.S. nonbank assets were due to submit resolution plans known as the “living wills” to the Federal Reserve and Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) July 2. The first wave of submissions included five of the biggest U.S. banks. Summarized public versions of the resolution plans were due to be released by July 3. The living wills are intended to provide road maps for regulators for the orderly unwinding of firms without spillover effects onto other parts of the economy and without costly bailouts. The firms will have to provide a detailed account of their business lines and legal entities, information systems, capital and cash flows, and an analysis explaining resolution options. The rule will allow the FDIC and the Federal Reserve to impose various restrictions on capital, leverage, or liquidity of the firm if the living wills are found to be deficient or non-credible. When warranted, the regulators will be able to curtail the firm's operations, and require divestiture of assets, though the FDIC made clear that this route would only be taken as a last resort. Source: <http://blogs.reuters.com/financial-regulatory-forum/2012/07/02/first-wave-of-u-s-living-wills-provides-a-blueprint-for-the-industry/>

14. *July 2, CNET* – (International) **Microsoft identifies two Zeus botnet crime ring suspects.** Microsoft released the identities of two alleged members of the Zeus botnet crime ring, which used an estimated 13 million computers infected with the malware to steal more than \$100 million, CNET reported July 2. The botnet operators used the software to show fake or modified Web sites when victims tried to use real banking sites, log their keystrokes to capture victims' identity information, and then use that information to steal money from victims' accounts. Microsoft announced it amended a complaint the week of June 25 to add two individuals as defendants. The pair is already serving time in the United Kingdom for other Zeus-related convictions, the company said. The senior attorney with Microsoft's digital crimes unit noted that since simultaneous raids in March, Zeus botnet infections declined by about 50 percent. Source: http://news.cnet.com/8301-1009_3-57465470-83/microsoft-identifies-two-zeus-botnet-crime-ring-suspects/

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Transportation Sector

15. *July 3, St. Marys Tribune & Georgian* – (Georgia) **Historic flood displaces residents.** Some residents of Camden County, Georgia, still felt the affects of Tropical Storm Debby, which included floodwaters on Georgia Highway 40, the St Marys Tribune & Georgian reported July 3. The State highway was closed to traffic between Camden and Charlton counties July 1. Local leaders declared a state of emergency June 29 for the county after heavy rainfall from Debby became a historic flood on the St. Marys River. The National Weather Service still had a flood warning in effect for the St. Marys River in Baker, Nassau, Camden, and Charlton counties as of July 2. "Water is crossing the road from the south and north sides," Camden's emergency management director said. "Traffic is being rerouted via Highway 252 from U.S. 1 in Charlton to Highway 17 in Camden." Source: http://www.tribune-georgian.com/articles/2012/07/03/news/top_stories/1topstory7.4.txt
16. *July 2, Fort Worth Star-Telegram* – (Texas) **Drilling trucks have caused an estimated \$2 billion in damage to Texas roads.** The new wave of oil and gas production in Texas in recent years has taken a huge toll on the State's roads. The Texas Department of Transportation told industry representatives and elected officials July 2 that repairing roads damaged by drilling activity to bring them up to standard would "conservatively" cost \$1 billion for farm-to-market roads and another \$1 billion for local roads. The estimate does not include the costs of maintaining interstate and State highways. In Johnson County, large producers like Chesapeake Energy and Devon Energy were early to voluntarily cover repairs to roads if presented with before-and-after assessments, a county judge said. However, that was when natural gas prices were high and drilling activity in the Barnett Shale was intense, he said. Now that drilling activity has slowed significantly, the big operators are gone and small subcontractors are hauling salt water and drilling mud, often making it difficult to get anyone to cover road maintenance costs, said a Johnson County Precinct 1 commissioner. Six years ago, 90 percent of the roads in his precinct were in good condition. Now, about 60 percent

are, he said.

Source: <http://www.star-telegram.com/2012/07/02/4075195/drilling-trucks-have-caused-an.html>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

17. *July 2, CNN; WSVN 7 Miami* – (Florida) **Loose snake prompts post office closure.** A snake forced a Miami Beach, Florida post office to temporarily shut down June 29 after emerging from a light fixture. Post office employees called a professional animal trapper for help. The nearly 2-foot long, non-venomous snake was captured hours later. Source: http://www.wvlp.com/dpps/news/strange/loose-snake-prompts-post-office-closure-ob12-jgr_4225495
18. *July 2, Wichita Eagle* – (Kansas) **‘Sparkler bomb’ damages house in south Wichita.** Police said a “sparkler bomb” destroyed a mailbox and damaged a house in Wichita, Kansas, July 1. A woman who lives at the residence heard a loud explosion and went outside to investigate. She saw that her mailbox had been destroyed, and debris from it struck the side of her house. The bomb squad was called out, and investigators determined someone had built an improvised explosive device using sparklers and set it off inside the mailbox. The force of sparkler bombs is strong enough to kill people who happen to be nearby when they go off, police said. The case is being investigated as an arson incident. Source: <http://www.kansas.com/2012/07/02/2395097/sparkler-bomb-damages-house-in.html#storylink=newsletter>
19. *June 30, KKTV 11 Colorado Springs* – (Colorado) **Waldo Canyon Fire forces more changes to mail delivery.** The U.S. Postal Service released a new update about mail service for areas impacted by the Waldo Canyon fire June 30, including the lifting of some restrictions and the resumption of full mail delivery service in certain areas: Colorado Springs mail pickup has resumed to normal; all operations out of the Air Force Academy have returned to normal; Kissing Camel area and North End Station mail delivery resumed; the lower Rockrimmon area has been reopened and carriers will attempt delivery when passable; mail for people in Rockrimmon Station and the mandatory evacuation area will be available for pickup at Templeton Station; the Woodland Park Post Office and the Green Mountain Falls Post Office have been relocated to Divide; Cascade mail pickup is at the Colorado Springs, West End Retail Unit. Future delivery decisions will be made after consultations with local emergency managers. Source: http://www.kktv.com/news/headlines/Post_Office_Organizes_Mail_Pickup_For_Waldo_Canyon_Fire_Evacuees_160317185.html

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Agriculture and Food Sector

20. *July 3, Associated Press* – (Arkansas) **Cattle vulnerable to plant toxins during drought.** The drought that has affected Arkansas for weeks is taking a toll on cattle but not necessarily from the heat. The University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture said July 2 some cows were sickened by eating toxic plants because the grass they normally eat has been rendered dormant by the drought. At least two cows are known to have been killed the week of June 25. An extension forage specialist said two plants cows sometimes turn to in a drought are perilla mint and poison hemlock. He said in some places, the perilla mint is a pasture's only green plant. The weed is normally found in shady spots or on a pasture's border. Another toxic plant is hemp dogbane — found in hay fields where growers scaled back herbicide treatments.
Source: <http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/bc48e4c2f2104cbbac25402cb37364f4/AR--Arkansas-Drought-Cattle-Toxins>
21. *July 2, Dow Jones Newswires* – (National) **US pasture conditions get even worse.** Pasture conditions across the Plains, Midwest, and several other States worsened from already poor ratings the week of June 25, Dow Jones Newswires reported July 2. The U.S. Department of Agriculture rated nearly two-thirds of pasture acres on average across Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Illinois, Missouri, and Kansas at poor to very poor. The latest ratings compared with an average of nearly 49 percent in the two categories in the week of June 18. Areas of severe drought stretch into Nebraska, Arkansas, and western States. For the 48 continental states, 43 percent of pasture acres rated poor to very poor, compared with 34 percent a year ago when the southwest was hit particularly hard.
Source: http://www.agriculture.com/news/livestock/us-pasture-conditions-get-even-wse_3-ar25029
22. *July 2, Agriculture.com* – (National) **Heat, dryness slam crop conditions — USDA.** The quality of the nation's corn and soybean crops decreased the week of June 25, according to the July 2 U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Crop Progress report. The amount of that crop in good to excellent conditions went from 58 percent to 48 percent. All that slide was taken up by the very poor and poor condition categories, with 7 percent of the crop in the former and 15 percent in the latter, the USDA said. Soybean conditions saw an 8 percent drop in the good and excellent categories over the week of June 18. Farmers said they are starting to find crop conditions that are deteriorating beyond repair, even if the weather trend reverses and turns cooler and wetter later in July.
Source: http://www.agriculture.com/news/crops/heat-dryness-slam-crop-conditions-usda_2-ar25028
23. *July 2, Food Safety News* – (National) **USDA to ramp up drug residue testing for meat and poultry.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is increasing testing for veterinary drug residues in the meat supply — and the new policy will take effect the summer of 2012. The USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) July 2 announced a new, more modern testing system that allows the agency to test for dozens

of drugs, pesticides, and other potentially harmful compounds simultaneously, instead of only testing for one or a handful of compounds in each meat sample. The change is a significant update to an often-overlooked part of the food safety system. For the last several years, a lot of focus has been on microbiological contamination with less attention paid to drug and chemical contamination. Using new multi-residue methods, the FSIS will be able to test for 55 pesticide chemicals, 9 kinds of antibiotics, various metals, and eventually more than 50 other chemicals.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/07/usda-to-ramp-up-drug-residue-testing-for-meat-and-poultry/>

24. *July 2, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Feds OK help for fruit growers hammered by weather.** The federal government approved financial support for Michigan fruit growers whose crops were hammered by bad spring weather. A U.S. Senator said July 2, the U.S. Department of Agriculture designated 72 counties as disaster areas. A spokesman said farmers in contiguous counties are also eligible for help, which means the declaration covers virtually the entire State. A rare heat wave in March caused cherry, apple, and other fruit trees to sprout blooms that were killed during a series of later frosts and freezes. State officials and industry leaders have reported losses of 90 percent or more in some areas.

Source: <http://money.msn.com/business-news/article.aspx?feed=AP&date=20120702&id=15291029>

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Water Sector

25. *July 3, Associated Press* – (New Hampshire) **Water tank fix in NH could cost \$500,000.** Officials in Rochester, New Hampshire, said it may cost more than \$500,000 to repair a 1 million-gallon water storage tank that led to about 1,000 people being evacuated in 2011, the Associated Press reported July 3. A city engineer said they were evaluating a proposal to make a design for repairing the tank and to study the soil around it. Foster's Daily Democrat reported the leak likely came from several flaws that can be traced back to the tank's construction in 1985 and work done in 2009. The engineer said a bearing plate installed in 2009, on top of which a heavy, 50-foot-high mixer was sitting, was too small. He said a lack of sand and inconsistent concrete between a vault and the floor made it easier for a crack to occur.

Source:

http://www.boston.com/news/local/new_hampshire/articles/2012/07/03/water_tank_fix_in_nh_could_cost_500000/

26. *July 2, Athens Patch* – (Georgia) **Drought drops water reservoir a foot below normal in Athens GA.** Drought conditions caused local reserves to be a foot below normal levels, according to Athens-Clarke County, Georgia officials, the Athens Patch reported July 2. The county uses water from either the North Oconee or Middle Oconee Rivers but the drought, nearing its second year, left the rivers in a state too low to pull from. The city now uses water from Bear Creek Reservoir, where the supply is also slowly being depleted. An associate professor of biological and agricultural engineering

at the University of Georgia said the Middle Oconee River is the lowest it has been in 80 years. The river was last recorded producing 39 cubic feet per second (cfs) but must be at 44 cfs for the city to use. The professor said 2012's drought is in the neutral phase, meaning that while it is uncertain whether Georgia will break out of its drought, conditions are not enough to cause droughts.

Source: <http://athens.patch.com/articles/drought-drops-water-reservoir-a-foot-below-normal-levels>

27. *July 2, KTHV 11 Little Rock* – (Arkansas) **Mandatory water conservation order in Maumelle.** Maumelle Water Management (MWM) in Maumelle, Arkansas, issued a mandatory water conservation order July 2, asking citizens to turn off all irrigation systems to maintain adequate water for fire protection and sanitary usage. MWM reported a well failure and was in the process of drilling two new wells. One will be placed on-line by July 13. The second well, pending department of health approval, would be placed on-line approximately August 24. Non-compliance would result in meters being locked and reconnect fees to be charged once service resumes. The order was said to remain in effect until further notice.
Source: <http://www.todaysthv.com/news/article/216671/2/Mandatory-water-conservation-order-in-Maumelle>
28. *July 2, Newark Star-Ledger* – (New Jersey) **Temporary water pipes in Monmouth taking longer than expected; outdoor water ban remains in effect.** Temporary pipelines to replace broken water mains in Monmouth County, New Jersey, may not be operational until July 6, later than originally anticipated, officials said July 2. Even then, restrictions on water use may not be immediately lifted, said a spokesman for New Jersey American Water. Crews worked to assemble and install two large pipelines that started arriving July 1 at the company's water treatment plant in Middletown. All outdoor watering is banned in Monmouth County, said a spokeswoman for the county sheriff's office. The boil water advisory for American Water customers in Aberdeen, Highlands, Holmdel, and Middletown was lifted July 2. About 200,000 people were initially affected when the pipes, carrying water to and from an American Water Treatment plant, tumbled into the Swimming River Reservoir.
Source:
http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2012/07/temporary_water_pipes_in_monmo.html
29. *July 2, Anderson Independent Mail* – (South Carolina) **Hembree Creek fecal levels 20 times state standard.** A 50-foot spray of sewage water into the air from a broken pipe on Clemson Boulevard shot out about 8,000 gallons of material, according to an environmental study. The pipe burst June 30 and tests results July 2 showed nearby Hembree Creek contained 20 times more fecal matter than the State determined safe for swimming. The State standard for fresh water in South Carolina is 200 fecal coliform colonies per 3.3 ounces of water. At a tested spot upstream of the leak, the creek has a concentration of 195 colonies, but has 4,100 colonies at the leak site, and 360 colonies near where the creek meets Hartwell Lake, according to the first samples. The leak was not expected to affect drinking water because of steps taken at the time of the leak by the Anderson Regional Joint Water System. The leak site will continue to be monitored and tested by the environmental firm, the South Carolina Department of Health and

Environmental Quality, and Anderson County wastewater officials.

Source: <http://www.independentmail.com/news/2012/jul/02/hembree-creek-fecal-levels-20-times-state-standard/>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

30. *July 3, Oakland Tribune* – (California) **Alta Bates Summit ordered to pay \$84,450 for failing to protect staff, police.** California's Department of Occupational Health and Safety (Cal/OSHA) fined Alta Bates Summit Medical Center and its parent company Sutter Health \$84,450 for failing to warn a hospital worker and an Oakland police officer that they were exposed to meningitis, officials announced the week of June 25. The two are permanently disabled as a result. Alta Bates Summit also failed to report the case to local public officials. The hospital worker was working at the Oakland facility December 3, 2009, when medics transported a patient to Alta Bates emergency department. Police found the patient unconscious at home during a welfare check. Within days, the hospital worker and the Oakland police officer became seriously ill. The hospital worker said his illness might have been prevented had he known that taking a dose of the oral antibiotic Cipro could heal him. Cal/Osha also cited the Oakland Police and Fire departments for not having a protocol to protect workers in health care and related industries from diseases that are spread by coughing and sneezing. In a statement, Alta Bates said the medical center took steps to prevent such an incident from happening again.
Source: http://www.insidebayarea.com/news/ci_20993745/alta-bates-summit-ordered-pay-84-450-failing
31. *July 2, WBTV 3 Charlotte* – (South Carolina) **Inmate attacks hospital security guard, causes lock down.** A man was back in custody after he assaulted a Chester Regional Medical Center security guard in Chester, South Carolina, and took his weapon, causing the hospital to go under lock down July 2. The inmate was being treated at the hospital when the altercation took place, according to the Chester County Sheriff's Office. The hospital was under lock down for about 90 minutes before the man was located in the emergency room area of the hospital and taken back into custody.
Source: <http://www.wbtv.com/story/18936292/inmate-attacks-hospital-security-guard-causes-lockdown>
32. *July 2, WVNS 59 Lewisburg* – (West Virginia) **Greenbrier County Health Department closed until further notice.** Due to the ongoing power outages and other related problems following June 29's massive storms, West Virginia's Greenbrier County Health Department will remain closed until further notice, WVNS 59 Lewisburg reported July 2. The department's staff will be on call to assist in the event of emergencies. Drinking water and ice were distributed at the Lowe's in Lewisburg beginning July 2, and bottled water was being distributed at all of Greenbrier County's emergency shelters, including White Sulphur Springs EMS, Rainelle Fire Department,

Williamsburg Community Center, and the Rhema Church.

Source: <http://www.wvnstv.com/story/18937887/greenbrier-county-health-department-closed-until-further-notice>

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Government Facilities Sector

33. *July 2, Nextgov* – (California; National) **Former DHS contractor nabbed in immigrant form forgery plot.** A former U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services contract employee at the Western Forms Center in Montclair, California, — the nation’s largest warehouse storage facility for immigration forms — was charged with selling blank official forms to a crime ring that procured driver’s licenses and visas for illegal immigrants and other unauthorized individuals, Nextgov reported July 2. Justice Department officials announced June 27 the arrests of the former “material document handler” and many of the 21 other individuals allegedly involved in the multistate ploy. “By gaining access to protected, blank government immigration forms, the subjects in this case were able to utilize sophisticated computer software to create false identity documents and subsequently move to receive legitimate driver’s licenses,” the FBI special agent in charge said. “In doing so, they were able to circumvent established safeguards and proper vetting put into place post 9/11.” The former contract employee was charged with conspiracy to steal government property and to transport and receive stolen property in interstate commerce.

Source: <http://www.nextgov.com/defense/2012/07/former-dhs-contractor-nabbed-immigrant-form-forgery-plot/56572/?oref=ng-channelriver>

34. *July 2, Portland Oregonian* – (Oregon) **Area near State Capitol building reopened after bomb threat.** The north entrance of the State Capitol building in Salem, Oregon, was reopened July 2 after an investigation into a suspicious object determined it was harmless. State police closed an area to pedestrian and vehicle traffic after emergency dispatchers received a call from a man saying there was an explosive device north of the capitol building. The building was not evacuated as State Police and FBI officials investigated. A nearby area was reopened in the afternoon. The man who made the initial emergency call about the suspicious object was being sought by police.

Source: http://www.oregonlive.com/pacific-northwest-news/index.ssf/2012/07/area_near_state_capitol_buildi.html

35. *July 2, Nextgov* – (National) **Backup systems ensured continuity of military networks during storm.** A spokeswoman for the Defense Information System Agency (DISA) said the June 29 storms, which ravaged the Midwest and East Coast and knocked out power to 2 million people, briefly interrupted data center operations in Columbus, Ohio, and knocked out power to its headquarters at Fort Meade, Maryland. But backup power systems in Columbus quickly picked up the load until commercial power could be restored. Fall-over to alternative systems at Fort Meade and Columbus “was immediate and service was unaffected,” she said. Amazon Web Services, a

commercial cloud provider angling for federal business with the launch of a government cloud in August 2011, lost both primary and backup power June 29, with full restoration of service June 30. When government officials consider the merits of commercial clouds versus internal data centers, they also must factor in issues such as continuity of service and backup capacity along with efficiency and economy, said an information technology consultant and retired U.S. Air Force brigadier general who did a tour at the DISA.

Source: <http://www.nextgov.com/cloud-computing/2012/07/backup-systems-ensured-continuity-military-networks-during-storm/56587/>

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Emergency Services Sector

36. *July 3, MSNBC; Associated Press; Reuters* – (South Dakota) **4 confirmed dead in crash that briefly grounds key part of firefighting fleet.** Four of the six crew members aboard a firefighting C-130 that crashed July 1 are dead, the National Interagency Fire Center reported July 3. Two survivors were seriously hurt and taken to a hospital in Rapid City, South Dakota. Meanwhile, firefighters grappling with the two most destructive wildfires on record in Colorado reported progress, but steeled themselves for a long season. The C-130 from an Air National Guard wing based in Charlotte, North Carolina, was fighting a 6.5-square-mile blaze in the Black Hills of South Dakota when it crashed. The military put the remaining seven firefighting C-130s on an “operational hold,” leaving just 14 federally contracted heavy tankers in use July 2. The U.S. Northern Command stated July 3 that the aircraft would be back in the air after a one-day suspension “to review flying and safety procedures.” The U.S. President signed a bill in June hastening the addition of seven large tanker planes to the Nation’s rundown aerial firefighting fleet, at a cost of \$24 million, but the first planes will not be available until mid-August.

Source: <http://usnews.msnbc.msn.com/news/2012/07/03/12541391-4-confirmed-dead-in-crash-that-briefly-grounds-key-part-of-firefighting-fleet?lite>

37. *July 2, Washington Post* – (Virginia; Washington, D.C.; Maryland) **After storm, 911, phone service remains spotty.** Fairfax County, Virginia’s 9-1-1 emergency center operated at just half capacity July 2 as Verizon struggled to figure out why both its primary and backup power systems failed after the June 29 storm and left much of Northern Virginia without 9-1-1 service through the weekend of June 30. Callers with medical and safety emergencies caused by high temperatures, power outages, and downed electric cables received either rapid busy signals, recorded messages saying the line was inoperative, or dead silence, even after Verizon’s service was restored, local officials said. Homes and businesses across Maryland and Virginia lost power the night of June 29 as one of the most powerful storms in months swept across the Washington, D.C. region. Verizon’s director of public relations said the loss of power from primary and backup systems damaged the company’s computer hardware and software, and caused other mechanical problems in a chain reaction that has perplexed and alarmed

State and local governments. Apart from the 9-1-1 outage, cell phone service across the Washington, D.C. area remained spotty July 2. AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile, and Verizon all reported that they were working to get generators to sites that have lost power and repairing storm damage as necessary.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/after-storm-911-phone-service-remains-spotty/2012/07/02/gJQA33dHJW_story.html?hpid=z1

38. *July 2, Kingsport Times-News* – (Tennessee) **Lightning knocks out 911 service in Hawkins.** Hawkins County, Tennessee 9-1-1 officials started searching for a remedy to the effects of lightning after the second strike since April interrupted service for about 30 minutes and ruined an estimated \$30,000 worth of equipment the night of July 1. The Hawkins County 9-1-1 director said the new 9-1-1 center, which was constructed in 2009, was supposed to be grounded. However, a lightning strike in April destroyed several surveillance cameras. The July 1 strike knocked out dispatch capabilities for about 30 minutes before the mobile command center could be activated.

Source: <http://www.timesnews.net/article/9048709/lightning-knocks-out-911-service-in-hawkins>

39. *July 2, Tulsa World* – (Oklahoma) **Paramedics kept waiting in emergency rooms a growing problem.** On any single day, 20 percent of the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) paramedics needed to respond to emergencies in Tulsa, Oklahoma, could be stranded waiting in a hospital emergency room instead, the Tulsa World reported July 2. The State Medical Control Board is gathering data on a growing problem known as “bed delay,” which keeps ambulance crews tied up at hospital emergency rooms because no beds are available for the patient they have transported. A snapshot of data showed that in some cases, half a dozen ambulances out of about 30 normally on the streets of Tulsa were stranded at hospitals for more than an hour due to bed delays, said the medical director of the medical control board. He said the EMSA will record data on all situations in which an ambulance crew waits more than 15 minutes to transfer care of a patient to hospital staff. The data will be shared with hospitals and used to begin a discussion in the medical community about how to limit bed delays. While hospitals in some cities have been fined to discourage bed delays, he believes the issue can be addressed with communication and teamwork.

Source:

http://www.tulsaworld.com/site/printerfriendlystory.aspx?articleid=20120702_11_A1_CUTLIN612976&PrintComments=1

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Information Technology Sector

40. *July 3, Softpedia* – (International) **Boxer SMS trojan advertised as Firefox for Android.** June 26, Mozilla launched Firefox 14 for devices that run an Android operating system. In response, cyber criminals started masquerading an SMS trojan as the popular Web browser. The malicious element, identified as

Trojan.AndroidOS.Boxer.d, is being advertised on many Russian Web sites and comes in various shapes and sizes, GFI experts said. Previously seen variants of Boxer informed users that by accepting a set of “rules” they would be charged for sending SMS messages to premium numbers. However, this version does not give any details regarding its true purpose. Once the rogue application is installed, the malware activates and sends an SMS to several numbers. Another difference, compared to older Boxer variants, is that once the SMS messages are sent, the victim is not redirected to a Web site from which the legitimate app can be downloaded. Instead, it simply loads google.com. Researchers believe this may be a tactic to make users think the application is defective. Users might download and install the fake software again, allowing Boxer to perform its malicious tasks more than once. The trojan was spotted posing as other apps as well, not just Firefox. When Instagram was launched on Google Play, Boxer was advertised as the popular photo sharing program.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Boxer-SMS-Trojan-Advertised-as-Firefox-for-Android-278863.shtml>

41. *July 3, H Security* – (International) **Source code for the Zemra crimeware bot released.** Source code for the Zemra trojan, which is already being used by criminals for distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks, is circulating online. In contrast to the widely distributed Zeus bot, the source for which is also available online, Zemra is very new. According to security company Symantec, the trojan has only been available to purchase from underground forums since May 2012 and malicious parties are using it for the purpose of extortion. Symantec’s anti-virus solutions have only been able to detect Zemra for a week. Symantec said the crimeware pack is not currently very widespread. However, the availability of the source code means this could rapidly change, since anyone can now modify the bot for their own ends. This is not hard — Zemra was developed using the C# programming language. The source code should be comprehensible to anyone with basic programming skills. As well as various types of DDoS attack, Zemra can also download and run malware from the Web on command. It can also open a SOCKS proxy on an infected computer, allowing the bot herder to use the victim’s Internet connection. Zemra is also able to spread via USB flash drives. Communication between the bot and the PHP-based command-and-control server (also supplied) is encrypted.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Source-code-for-the-Zemra-crimeware-bot-released-1631420.html>

42. *July 2, Infosecurity* – (International) **Windows 8 has larger attack surface than Windows 7, researcher warns.** The attack surface in Windows 8 is bigger than in Windows 7 because of new components and changed processes, especially with the Metro interface, warns a McAfee researcher. “Security risks from rogue applications and vulnerabilities in applications that interact with the web and handle user data leave lots of room for exploitation — not to mention ever-present malware on the desktop”, he explained. At the same time, Windows 8 has additional security features, which include improvements to Windows anti-malware components, declarative resource access, application vetting via the Microsoft Store, and restrictive resource access for applications.

Source: <http://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/view/26727/>

43. *July 2, Agence France-Presse* – (International) **‘Leap second’ wreaks Internet havoc.** An adjustment of a second in the official global clock sent dozens of Web sites crashing. The “leap second” was added to the Coordinated Universal Time to adjust clocks to the earth’s rotation the night of June 30, delaying for 1 second the transition to July 1. The extra second was too much for some software to handle. Reddit, a social news network, posted a Twitter message indicating its services were experiencing problems. Mozilla, the organization behind the Firefox browser, also had issues. The outages came roughly at the same time as a major storm that knocked out power to an Amazon data storage site which serves as cloud host for many Web sites, including Netflix. Some sites such as the social network Foursquare said they were affected by the Amazon outage. LinkedIn, the professional social network, said its service was down June 30, without elaborating.
Source: <http://news.yahoo.com/leap-second-wreaks-internet-havoc-172756529.html>

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Internet Alert Dashboard

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Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <https://www.it-isac.org>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

44. *July 3, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Incendiary devices found near mall.** Authorities in Livingston County, Michigan, want to know who put six homemade incendiary devices near a shopping mall July 2, sparking a small grass fire. The fire burned near Green Oak Village Place mall in Green Oak Township. Authorities said the devices were made from 2-liter bottles and chemicals, and all exploded. The fire and one device were near a newly built home. Two of the devices were found on mall property, and three were found in a home under construction.
Source: <http://www.dailypress.net/page/content.detail/id/246572/Incendiary-devices-found-near-mall-.html?isap=1&nav=5046>
45. *July 2, New York Post* – (New York) **Building collapse displaces residents in B’klyn.** The New York City Department of Buildings ordered the demolition of a 19th-century brownstone that partially collapsed July 2 in Brooklyn, New York. Six of the building’s 13 residents — all on the top floor — were home when the left rear wall

came down, fire officials said. “[The department of] buildings feels that it was just an old building, built roughly mid-1800s,” said an assistant fire chief. “It collapsed due to failure of the bearing wall on the exposed side.” The city also ordered everyone out of four nearby buildings. Those four were not expected to be demolished, but city engineers want to inspect those neighboring structures as a precaution. Thirty-seven residents have been displaced by the evacuation and demolition orders.

Source:

http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/brooklyn/building_collapse_displaces_residents_zhj9gyAtLHat58AogPAbnK

46. *July 2, Associated Press* – (International) **Officials: Iranians targeted Israeli, US interests.** Two Iranians who led authorities to a cache of explosives after their arrest planned to attack Israeli, U.S., British, or Saudi targets inside Kenya, officials said July 1. The two are believed to be members of Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps Quds Force, an elite and secretive unit that acts against foreign interests, one of the officials said. Kenyan security forces arrested the Iranians June 19 and were then led to 33 pounds of RDX, a powerful explosive that could have been used against multiple targets or concentrated in one large bomb. If used together, the explosives could have leveled a medium-sized hotel, officials said. The two suspects appeared in a Kenyan court the week of June 25. Several resorts on Kenya’s coast are Israeli-owned, as is Nairobi’s largest and newest shopping mall.

Source:

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5hBisIn3dEjp7A8AQ6gWmk35iNfKw?docId=aab8faf2f8b042809c9779ceb5d4a4e7>

47. *July 2, Gloucester Daily Times* – (Massachusetts) **Mass. police offer \$5k reward in explosive attack.** Gloucester and Massachusetts State Police are offering a reward for information leading to the arrest or conviction of anyone involved with an explosion on Pleasant Street early July 1. Police responded to a report of broken glass at Mamie’s Kitchen and found an explosive device had blown up a newspaper sales box on the sidewalk, sending debris through the window and damaging a door and a wall of the building as well. Police and the State police bomb squad were investigating. Police said the remains of the metal box indicate the device was more than a piece of fireworks. City and State police posted a reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to the conviction of whoever placed the explosive, a Gloucester police official said.

Source: <http://www.officer.com/news/10737371/mass-police-offer-5k-reward-in-explosive-attack>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

48. *July 3, Associated Press* – (Wyoming) **Wyoming wildfires ‘striking’ in magnitude.** Crews faced erratic winds and dry, fire-fueling conditions in Wyoming, July 2 as they fought three large forest fires that forced hundreds of evacuations across

the State. At 82,000 acres, the Arapaho fire southwest of Wheatland was the largest of those burning in the State, and it destroyed an unknown number of structures as it remains too dangerous to allow a detailed assessment, according to information on a federal Web site. It was 10 percent contained by July 2. The sheriff's office ordered the evacuation of Cottonwood Park, Friend Park, North Laramie Trailhead, and Harris Park. Many Forest Service trails and facilities in the area were closed. The Federal Emergency Management Agency announced it approved the use of federal funds to help cover the costs of fighting the Squirrel Creek Fire, which burned 7,000 acres about 30 miles southwest of Laramie, prompting new evacuations after a storm pushed flames west July 2, said a U.S. Forest Service representative. An area extending from the community of Jelm, north on both sides of Sheep Mountain to Highway 130 was evacuated. Albany County sheriff's officials also evacuated cabins and homes within 3 miles of Fox Park July 2. The Fontenelle Fire, about 17 miles west of the western community of Big Piney, burned more than 52,000 acres in Sublette and Lincoln counties. It was 8 percent contained.

Source: http://www.wyomingnews.com/articles/2012/07/03/news/20local_07-03-12.txt

49. *July 3, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Most of national forest in Ohio remains closed.** Most of the Wayne National Forest in southeast Ohio remained closed the week of July 2 in the aftermath of Ohio's severe storms. Forest offices reopened July 3, and some Athens- and Marietta-area campgrounds and recreational areas also reopened. However, nearly 137,000 acres, more than half of the forest, remained closed. The Leith Run Recreation Area was closed until further notice. Other popular areas still closed include Wildcat Hollow Hiking Trail, and the Kinderhook Horse Trail.
- Source:
http://www.abc6onyourside.com/template/inews_wire/wires.regional.oh/3146775d-www.abc6onyourside.com.shtml

50. *July 2, Arizona Republic; KPNX 12 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **Arizona wildfires: Grapevine grows to 14,000 acres.** The Grapevine Fire in the Coronado National Forest in Arizona nearly doubled to 14,000 acres as of July 2, officials said. Despite its rapid growth, the fire south of Arizona 266 remained inside containment lines and was not advancing. The fire was 20 percent contained, said a spokeswoman for the national forest. A lightning strike sparked the blaze June 28, prompting the closure of portions of Arizona 266. The Pinnacle Fire, which has zero containment, burned 60 acres to the northeast of Riggs Lake and 11 miles southwest of Safford, the spokeswoman said. Nearby, the Trap Peak Fire, with zero containment, burned 15 acres east of Riggs Lake and 10 miles southwest of Safford, she said. Meanwhile, crews continued to battle the Canyon Fire in the Coconino National Forest in the 15 miles northeast of Blue Ridge Reservoir near Arizona 87, which started June 29 from a lightning strike, according to a spokesman for Coconino National Forest. The latest estimates show the acreage to exceed 5,000 acres, with no containment. Crews in the Tonto National Forest were preparing to see more wildfires sparked by lightning as the Arizona monsoon season gears up.
- Source: <http://www.azcentral.com/12news/news/articles/2012/07/02/20120702arizona-wildfires-grapevine-grows-abrk.html>

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Dams Sector

51. *July 3, Philippine Daily Inquirer* – (International) **Red alert at La Mesa Dam as rains continue.** La Mesa Dam in Quezon City of the Philippines went on red alert July 3 as water level reached 79.52 meters, according to Manila Water Co. Inc., which monitors the water level in the dam. The water level increased by 4 centimeters per hour in 3 hours. The overflow level for the dams starts at 80.15 meters. The excess water flows into the Tullahan River, which flows through the northern part of Quezon City, including the Fairview area, as well as the cities of Malabon, Valenzuela, and Caloocan.

Source: <http://newsinfo.inquirer.net/222703/red-alert-at-la-mesa-dam-as-rains-continue>

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