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Energy Sector

1. *July 6, Associated Press* – (Minnesota) **Thousands remain without power after Minnesota storms.** Xcel Energy crews worked July 6 to restore power to 38,000 customers in southern Minnesota who remained without service following severe storms that moved through the State July 5 and knocked out power to 130,000 customers.
Source: <http://www.startribune.com/powerful-summer-storm-leaves-damage-behind/385668911/>

Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

2. *July 6, Associated Press* – (New York) **Officials: Indian point nuclear reactor automatically shuts down.** Entergy Corporation officials are investigating the cause of a shutdown at its Indian Point Nuclear Plant July 6 after its Unit 2 nuclear reactor was taken offline during electrical systems testing at its Buchanan facility.
Source: <http://www.recordonline.com/news/20160706/officials-indian-point-nuclear-reactor-automatically-shuts-down>
3. *July 6, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Utility shuts down nuclear power unit at Cook Nuclear Plant after steam release.** Indiana Michigan power reported July 6 that steam damaged a wall at the Cook Nuclear Plant Unit 2 nuclear reactor in Bridgeman, but did not affect its Unit 1 nuclear reactor. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission are investigating the incident.
Source: <http://www.wndu.com/content/news/Utility-shuts-down-nuclear-power-unit-at-Cook-Nuclear-Plant-after-steam-release-385774221.html>

Critical Manufacturing Sector

4. *July 6, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Missouri) **OSHA finds multiple hazards at Missouri auto parts manufacturing facility.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Challenge Manufacturing Company with 13 serious and 1 other-than-serious safety and health violation June 23 after complaints alleging unsafe working conditions prompted an investigations at the Kansas City facility which revealed that the employer failed to install adequate machine guards, failed to properly train workers on hazards, and failed to conduct noise monitoring activities, among other violations. Proposed penalties total \$75,000.
Source:
http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=32772

Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

Financial Services Sector

5. *July 6, USA Today* – (National) **Ex-Wall Streeter pleads guilty in fraud case.** A former executive at Park Hill Group pleaded guilty July 6 to Federal charges after he bilked approximately \$38.5 million from more than 10 individuals and entities in a Ponzi-like scheme where he convinced family and friends to invest in a non-existent private equity firm from July 2015 – March 2016 and used the money for personal option trades, to repay money he had previously diverted from the Park Hill Group, and for personal use, among other illicit purposes. Officials stated the scheme attempted to bilk investors out of nearly \$150 million.
Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/money/2016/07/06/ex-wall-streeter-expected-plead-guilty-fraud-case/86747794/>

Transportation Systems Sector

6. *July 7, Palm Springs Desert Sun* – (California) **Cathedral City man ID'd in fatal Palm Desert crash.** Highway 111 in Palm Desert was closed for several hours July 6 while officials investigated the scene of a two-vehicle crash that left one person dead and sent another to the hospital with minor injuries.
Source: <http://www.desertsun.com/story/news/traffic/2016/07/06/palm-desert-collision-traffic/86774174/>
7. *July 7, WNBC 4 New York City* – (New York) **Chemical spill, chain reaction crash close NY Parkway for Hours: Police.** A chain reaction crash in Greenburgh shut down southbound lanes of Sprain Brook Parkway for several hours July 6 while a HAZMAT team worked to clean up chlorine that spilled from one of the four vehicles involved in the crash.
Source: <http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/NY-Hazmat-Spill-Chain-Reaction-Crash-Close-Sprain-Brook-Parkway-385815491.html>
8. *July 7, Yakima Herald-Republic* – (Washington) **Yakima man killed in fiery I-82 crash.** Eastbound lanes of Interstate 82 south of Ellensburg were closed for more than 2 hours July 6 while officials investigated the scene of a rollover crash that left one person dead, sent three others to the hospital, and started a small brush fire.
Source: http://www.yakimaherald.com/news/local/accident-and-brush-fire-close-eastbound-i--south-of/article_10eb2f00-43bd-11e6-a2dc-0f44e90d8104.html
9. *July 6, WESH 2 Daytona Beach* – (Florida) **Sanford-bound Allegiant Air flight makes emergency landing in Jacksonville.** Allegiant Air Flight 749 from South Bend International Airport traveling to Orlando-Sanford International Airport was forced to make an emergency landing in Jacksonville July 6 after an electrical odor filled the cabin and caused the plane to delay for more than 5 hours.
Source: <http://www.wesh.com/news/sanfordbound-allegiant-airlines-flight-makes->

[emergency-landing-in-jacksonville/40385448](http://www.wjxw.com/news/local/article87984362.html)

10. *July 6, Bradenton Herald* – (Florida) **Strong winds force 2 semi-trucks to crash, roll over on Interstate 75.** Strong winds caused two semi-trucks to rollover on Interstate 75 Northbound in Ellenton July 6, blocking the two right lanes and prompting the closure of the interstate for more than 2 hours. No injuries were reported.
Source: <http://www.bradenton.com/news/local/article87984362.html>
11. *July 6, KTVQ 2 Billings* – (Montana) **Park City man killed when car strikes bicycle.** Stillwater County officials closed Old Highway 10 in Park City, Montana for more than 3 hours July 6 while they investigated the scene of a crash involving a bicycle and another vehicle that left the bicyclist dead and sent another to the hospital with minor injuries.
Source: <http://www.ktvq.com/story/32383473/park-city-man-killed-when-car-strikes-bicycle>

Food and Agriculture Sector

12. *July 7, KSHB 41 Kansas City* – (Kansas) **Crews battling fire inside Kellogg’s plant in Kansas City, Kansas.** All employees were evacuated from the Kellogg Company’s cracker facility in Kansas City July 6 following a two-alarm fire that caused production at the plant to cease after the fire reportedly began on the third floor. Officials were working to assess the damages.
Source: <http://www.kshb.com/news/region-kansas/kck/crews-battling-fire-inside-kelloggs-plant-in-kck>
13. *July 7, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (National) **ConAgra Foods recalls frozen chicken and beef products due to possible foreign matter contamination.** ConAgra Foods Inc., issued a recall June 6 for approximately 3,806 pounds of its “P.F. Chang’s Home Menu Brand Signature Spicy Chicken” and “P.F. Chang’s Home Menu Brand Mongolian Style Beef” products sold in 22-ounce packages due to potential contamination with metal fragments after an establishment employee found metal pieces while dispensing sugar used to make the sauce during processing. There have been no confirmed reports of adverse reactions and the products were shipped to distributors and retail locations in seven States.
Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2016/recall-056-2016-release>
14. *July 6, Food Safety News* – (Alabama) **Judge moves quickly to stop seafood processor’s operation.** The U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Alabama entered a consent decree of permanent injunction against BEK Catering LLC, doing business as Floppers Foods LLC, its co-owners, and its associates July 5 which prohibits the Daphne, Alabama business from preparing, processing, and distributing adulterated and misbranded seafood products except for activities incidental to product transport and delivery after Federal inspections at the company’s manufacturing facilities revealed inadequate controls over the risk of *Clostridium botulinum* and *Listeria monocytogenes* growth and toxin formation in food processing areas, and

repeated violations of seafood handling and Good Manufacturing Practices regulations, among other violations. As part of the settlement, the company must comply with specific remedial measures, must notify the U.S. Food and Drug Administration 90 days in advance of restarting production, and must undergo FDA inspection in order to resume processing.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2016/07/doj-gets-a-quick-permanent-injunction-against-mobile-bay-processor/#.V35vjfkrKUK>

Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

Nothing to report

Healthcare and Public Health Sector

Nothing to report

Government Facilities Sector

15. *July 7, Helena Independent Record* – (Montana) **Observation Fire evacuation warning lifted.** Crews reached 30 percent containment July 6 of the 1,417-acre Observation Fire burning near Hamilton, Montana. Authorities lifted an evacuation warning for residences in Ravalli County.
Source: http://helenair.com/news/state-and-regional/observation-fire-evacuation-warning-lifted/article_3172c97e-6315-5c22-b61d-827419be75b9.html
16. *July 7, Reno Gazette-Journal* – (Nevada) **2,200-acre Sparks Fire 60% contained, smoke subsides.** Crews reached 60 percent containment July 7 of the 2,200-acre Sparks Fire burning near Sparks, Nevada.
Source: <http://www.rgj.com/story/news/2016/07/06/firefighters-respond-brush-fire-east-sparks/86777034/>
17. *July 6, San Mateo Patch; California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection* – (California) **California wildfire status: 4,000 firefighters assigned to 12+ fires.** Over 4,000 California firefighters worked July 6 to contain at least 12 fires that have collectively burned more than 77,000 acres across the State.
Source: <http://patch.com/california/sanmateo/california-wildfire-status-4-000-firefighters-assigned-12-fires>

Emergency Services Sector

18. *July 6, Associated Press* – (Georgia) **8 Georgia prisons locked down after death, brawl, gang feuds.** The Georgia Department of Corrections announced July 6 that 8 State prisons are on lockdown in response to rising tensions between prison gangs following several bouts of violence in June, including the killing of an inmate and a brawl at another facility that sent 16 inmates to hospitals. Visitation has been cancelled at the prisons in response to the lockdown.
Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/georgia-prisons-locked-death-brawl->

Information Technology Sector

19. *July 7, Softpedia* – (International) **Dangerous GNU wget vulnerability still not patched in all Linux distros.** Security researchers from Golunski and SecuriTeam discovered a GNU wget vulnerability that could be exploited to allow an attacker to upload arbitrary files and achieve code execution due to wget’s improper handling of file names when redirecting users from an initial Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) Uniform Resource Locator (URL) to a File Transfer Protocol (FTP) link.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/dangerous-gnu-wget-vulnerability-still-not-patched-in-all-linux-distros-506076.shtml>
20. *July 7, Help Net Security* – (International) **Google fixes 108 bugs in July Android security update.** Google released its July Android Security Bulletin that patched 108 vulnerabilities in several of its products including seven critical remote code execution (RCE) flaws affecting the Mediaserver component and several elevation of privilege and information disclosure flaws in several of its services, libraries, Bluetooth, and the Framework application program interfaces (APIs).
Source: <https://www.helpnetsecurity.com/2016/07/07/july-android-security-update/>
21. *July 7, Softpedia* – (International) **Over 6,000 Redis database servers ready for taking.** Security researchers from Risk Based Security released a report detailing that 6,338 Redis servers were compromised after performing a non-intrusive scan using Shodan which revealed that the hacked servers featured the “crackit” Secure Socket Shell (SSH) key and were attached to an email address that was previously seen in other incidences. Researchers recommended that Webmasters update their Redis database to the recent version and activate “protected mode” feature.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/over-6-000-redis-database-servers-ready-for-the-taking-506056.shtml>
22. *July 6, Softpedia* – (International) **Campaign of infected WordPress and Joomla sites leads to CryptXXX ransomware.** Security researchers from Sucuri discovered that a new campaign dubbed Realstatistics was using outdated Content Management Systems (CMSs), primarily WordPress and Joomla Web sites, to hack Web sites using vulnerabilities in plugins rather than using core vulnerabilities after discovering at least 2,000 Web sites were affected by the campaign.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/campaign-of-infected-wordpress-and-joomla-sites-leads-to-cryptxxx-ransomware-506054.shtml>
23. *July 6, Softpedia* – (International) **Caja toolkit vulnerability exposed Google Docs domain to XSS attacks.** Google released patches for several cross-site scripting (XSS) issues in its Caja toolkit used inside its Docs and Developers series after a security researcher found the tool failed to sanitize various types of XSS attacks, potentially allowing attackers to create malicious Google Docs files containing Google Apps Script, that when loaded, could steal cookies and execute malicious actions.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/caja-toolkit-vulnerabilities-exposed-google->

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Communications Sector

24. *July 7, Alaska Dispatch News* – (Alaska) **GCI to pay \$2.4 million in FCC settlement over 911 outages.** Alaska telecommunications provider General Communication Inc. (GCI) agreed July 6 to a \$2.4 million settlement with the Federal Communications Commission regarding more than five 9-1-1 phone outages between 2008 and 2015 that limited more than 1,000 calls from reaching emergency services. As part of the settlement, GCI has agreed to strengthen its procedures for providing 9-1-1 service and to adapt robust compliance measures.

Source: <http://www.adn.com/alaska-news/2016/07/06/gci-to-pay-2-4-million-in-fcc-settlement-over-911-outages-4/>

Commercial Facilities Sector

25. *July 6, ABC News* – (International) **CPSC recalling more than 500,000 hoverboards because of fire hazards.** The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is recalling more than 500,000 hoverboards sold from eight manufacturers in China and made with lithium-ion battery packs July 6 after almost 100 incidences revealed the battery packs overheated, caught fire, and exploded. The hoverboards were primarily sold via online stores from June 2015 – May 2016.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/News/cpsc-recalling-500000-hoverboards-due-fire-hazards/story?id=40359491>

26. *July 5, Naperville Sun* – (Illinois) **74 residents back home after Naperville assisted living center gas leak.** The Naperville Fire Department reported July 5 that 74 residents and 20 employees from the Sunrise Senior Living of Naperville North were evacuated for over 5 hours July 5 following a gas leak that spilled from a commercial, gas fed dryer located on the first floor. Officials ventilated the facility and deemed the area safe.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/naperville-sun/news/ct-nvs-naperville-assisted-living-evacuation-st-0706-20160705-story.html>

Dams Sector

27. *July 6, Associated Press* – (Missouri) **Mississippi River lock and dam closed after diesel spill.** The Army Corps of Engineers closed a Mississippi River Lock and dam in Winfield, Missouri for several hours July 6 while crews worked to clear more than 2,000 gallons of diesel that spilled from a towboat passing through the lock.

Source: <http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2016/07/06/mississippi-river-lock-and-dam-closed-after-diesel-spill/>

28. *July 5, WFXG 54 Augusta* – (Georgia) **Augusta Canal drained for bridge repair work.** Crews began to drain the Augusta Canal July 5 and will continue to drain the canal for the next two months in an effort to repair work on the Butt Bridge and two other bridges on Broad Street in Richmond County, Georgia.

Source: <http://www.wtvm.com/story/32377140/augusta-canal-drained-for-bridge-repair-work>



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