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- Pacific Gas & Electric was checking for leaks in 180 segments of its natural gas pipeline system in California that may be vulnerable to corrosion. One area they were testing was part of a line near San Francisco where an explosion killed 8 people and destroyed 38 homes in 2010. – *Associated Press* (See item [1](#))
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Energy Sector

1. *June 6, Associated Press* – (California) **PG&E to check gas pipeline vulnerability.** Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) was checking for leaks in 180 segments of its natural gas pipeline system in California which may be vulnerable to corrosion — including part of a line near San Francisco where an explosion killed 8 people in 2010. The utility announced June 5 it is conducting emergency leak surveys. A company letter to state regulators said more than half of the 180 segments were found to have corrosion vulnerabilities in 2012. PG&E said among the pipes with corrosion vulnerability is one that ruptured in San Bruno 2 years ago, causing a blast and fire that destroyed 38 homes. The affected section is a 9-mile span north of the blast area that runs into San Francisco.
Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/n/a/2012/06/06/state/n044552D33.DTL>
2. *June 6, Truckinginfo* – (National) **DOT: Trucks hauling sand, water for fracking not exempt from HOS rules.** Truck drivers hauling water and sand to oil and natural gas shale drilling sites in the United States do not qualify for a special oil-field service equipment exemption to extend their daily driving hours, Truckinginfo reported June 6. The rule clarification, or regulatory guidance, from the Department of Transportation (DOT) explains that time spent waiting while water and sand are unloaded at well sites counts toward the maximum 14 hours a day that a truck driver can work under hours of service rules. The guidance says the “waiting time” oil-field exemption in Sec. 395.1(d)(2), which allows these drivers to count waiting time as off-duty, is available only to operators of commercial motor vehicles that are specially constructed for use at oil and gas well sites, and for which the operators require extensive training in the operation of the complex equipment, in addition to driving the vehicle. The clarification says drivers of more typical commercial vehicles that haul water and sand in and out of these sites do not qualify for the exemption, “even if there have been some modifications to the vehicle to transport, load, or unload the materials, and the driver required some minimal additional training in the operation of the vehicle, such as running pumps or controlling the unloading and loading processes.”
Source: http://www.truckinginfo.com/news/news-detail.asp?news_id=77153
3. *June 5, Platts* – (National) **NERC, utilities want more information sharing on cyber threats.** The head of the North American Electric Reliability Corp (NERC) and electric utility officials would like DHS to issue more security clearances to executives to improve their ability to address cyber threats to the power grid, speakers said June 4 at the Edison Electric Institute’s annual meeting. The NERC president and CEO has top secret clearance from the government to view cybersecurity threats and attempts to hack the power grid, but additional NERC staff and utility officials should be able to see similar information. Because different agencies can be involved in gaining security clearance, NERC is working with the Department of Energy to speed up the process for top executives. Legislation is pending in Congress that would have utilities improve data sharing and cybersecurity protections.
Source:
<http://www.platts.com/RSSFeedDetailedNews/RSSFeed/ElectricPower/6354219>

4. *June 5, KOLR 10 Springfield* – (Missouri) **Man charged with stealing copper wire from electric company.** Charges of stealing copper wire were filed against a man from Taney County, Missouri, who was caught with a load of wire in his car. The Taney County sheriff said his deputies received a tip June 4 about the theft from the Empire District Electric Company facility on Highway BB. Hollister police were called and stopped a car matching the description given by the tipster. An Empire District employee identified the copper as taken from spools at the company's facility. The man is charged with stealing. Investigators said they found nearly \$3,000 worth of copper in his car and home.
Source: http://ozarksfirst.com/fulltext?nxd_id=655102

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Chemical Industry Sector

5. *June 6, Tiffin Advertiser-Tribune* – (Ohio) **Chemical spill closes roads.** South US 23 and Zeller Road in Fostoria, Ohio, were closed for about 1 hour June 5 after a hose on a tractor broke, leaking anhydrous ammonia into the atmosphere and on a nearby field. A Fostoria Fire Department captain said the leak occurred after a hose running between a knife and a tank carrying anhydrous ammonia broke. He said the farmer operating the tractor had been knifing ammonia into a corn field, noting firefighters shut down the road to allow the hazardous ammonia to fully dissipate. Businesses nearby also kept employees inside during that hour, the captain added.
Source: <http://www.advertiser-tribune.com/page/content.detail/id/547162/Chemical-spill-closes-roads.html?nav=5005>
6. *June 5, Reuters* – (Arkansas) **LSB to restart production at Arkansas plant in 30 days.** LSB Industries Inc said June 5 it planned to resume limited production at its El Dorado, Arkansas chemical facility in 30 days. It had shut the facility, its biggest chemical manufacturing plant, after a May 15 explosion. Output will be increased over the next 90 days as various plants come back online, LSB said in a statement. However, repairing the DSN concentrated nitric acid plant is not feasible, the company said. The DSN plant used to produce about 20 percent of the nitric acid manufactured at the El Dorado facility. Other nitric acid plants, which sustained less damage, are undergoing repairs that will be completed in the next 30 to 90 days, the company said. LSB also makes heating, ventilation and air conditioning products.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/06/05/lbindustries-production-idUSL3E8H5AOW20120605>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

7. *June 6, Bedford-Katonah Patch* – (New York) **Indian Point 2 nuclear power plant automatically shut down.** Indian Point's unit 2 nuclear reactor in Buchanan, New

York, automatically shut down June 6. Workers were investigating the main electrical generator as a probable cause of the shutdown. The electrical generator is located on the non-nuclear side of the plant. There was no release of radioactivity and equipment performed normally during the shutdown. Unit 3 continued to operate at full power.

Source: <http://bedford.patch.com/articles/indian-point-2-nuclear-power-plant-automatically-shut-down>

8. *June 5, Portsmouth Herald* – (New Hampshire) **NRC reports Seabrook nuclear plant failures in emergency test.** The operators of the Seabrook Station nuclear power plant in Seabrook, New Hampshire, failed to properly detect a simulated radiological release and also failed to advise state emergency planning officials during a test of the emergency preparedness process held in April, the Portsmouth Herald reported June 5. Plant staff also failed to detect the lapse until Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) inspectors pointed it out, an NRC report dated May 29 indicated. “The finding (by NRC inspectors) is more than minor because it ... affected the ... objective to ensure that the licensee is capable of implementing adequate measures to protect the health and safety of the public in the event of a radiological emergency,” the report read. Multiple errors occurred during the full-scale, biennial emergency planning exercise conducted April 16-17 at the plant, according to the NRC report. The test assigned to the plant’s emergency staff was a large-break loss of reactor coolant.

Source: <http://www.seacoastonline.com/articles/20120605-NEWS-120609849>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

9. *June 6, U.S. Department of Transportation* – (National) **NHTSA recall notice - Kia Borrego brake pedals.** Kia announced June 6 the recall of 21,912 model year 2009 Borrego vehicles manufactured from May 2, 2008 through January 20, 2009 equipped with non-adjustable brake pedals. Certain pedal mounts may have a fiberglass composition that allows them to break off in a collision where the impact has not immobilized the vehicle, which would then allow the vehicle to roll. If this occurs, the driver would need to stop the vehicle with the parking brake or experience a possible second impact, increasing the risk of personal injury. Kia will notify owners, and dealers will replace the brake pedal mount, free of charge.
Source: http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rcl_ID=12V245000&summary=true&prod_id=451836&PrintVersion=YES
10. *June 5, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Ohio) **U.S. Labor Department’s OSHA cites Brown-Campbell Co. for 19 safety and health violations at Ohio plant.** The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration June 5 cited Brown-Campbell Co. for 19 alleged safety and health violations, including four repeat infractions, following a December 5, 2011, inspection that was initiated based on a complaint. Inspectors found workers were not provided protective clothing and that several machines lacked guarding at the specialty steel products company in Maple Heights, Ohio. Three repeat safety violations involved failing to provide welding

screens, protective clothing for employees exposed to metal sparks, and establish a lockout/tagout program to control the use of hazardous energy. A repeat health violation was issued for failing to provide employees with hazard communication program training. Eight serious safety and three serious health violations were also issued, in addition to four other-than-serious violations.

Source:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=22473

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

11. *June 6, Associated Press* – (Maine) **Firefighters respond to false alarm on Miami.** The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Fire Department responded to a report of another potential blaze aboard the Miami submarine in Kittery, Maine, but it turned out to be a false alarm. The shipyard said an alarm activated June 6 aboard the sub, but there was no fire. A shipyard statement said the preliminary indication suggests a “faulty alarm activation.” The nuclear-powered submarine was severely damaged by a fire that broke out May 23 while the ship was in dry dock for an overhaul at the shipyard. The U.S. Navy was investigating the cause of the fire, the extent of the damage, and whether the Los Angeles-class submarine could be repaired.
Source: <http://www.militarytimes.com/news/2012/06/ap-firefighters-respond-false-alarm-sub-miami-060612/>
12. *June 5, Associated Press* – (Maine) **Lawmaker: Miami repair estimated at \$400M.** An early estimate from the U.S. Navy puts the price tag for repairs of a fire-damaged submarine in the range of about \$400 million, a figure that suggests the nuclear-powered submarine Miami will be repaired instead of scrapped, a Democrat U.S. Representative from Maine said June 5. The U.S. Representative, a member of the Housed Armed Services Committee, released the estimate a day after becoming the first member of Congress to see the damage inside the Los Angeles-class attack sub, which was in dry dock at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine, for an overhaul when the fire broke out May 23.
Source: <http://www.militarytimes.com/news/2012/06/ap-lawmaker-miami-sub-repair-estimated-400-million-060512/>
13. *June 4, Reuters* – (International) **Iranian cell-phone carrier obtained banned US tech.** Interviews and documents show a fast-growing Iranian mobile-phone network managed to obtain sophisticated U.S. computer equipment despite sanctions that prohibit sales of American technology to Iran, Reuters reported June 4. MTN Irancell, a joint venture between MTN Group Ltd of South Africa and an Iranian government-controlled consortium, sourced equipment from Sun Microsystems Inc, Hewlett Packard Co, and Cisco Systems Inc, the documents and interviews show. MTN owns 49 percent of the joint venture but provided the initial funding. The procurement — through a network of tech companies in Iran and the Middle East — offers further evidence of the limitations of U.S. economic sanctions. The sanctions are intended to

curb Iran's nuclear program, which Tehran maintains is peaceful. No U.S. company can sell goods or services to Iran unless it obtains special authorization. However, U.S. enforcement has focused on containing Iranian banks, terrorism, Iran's oil industry, and individuals and companies that Western capitals believe are involved in Tehran's nuclear development program.

Source: <http://af.reuters.com/article/topNews/idAFJOE85401820120605>

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Banking and Finance Sector

14. *June 6, Softpedia* – (International) **Tutorials teach cybercriminals how to avoid fraud detection systems.** Trusteer experts have come across tutorials in an underground hacking forum that detail how fraud detection systems set up by financial and e-commerce providers can be circumvented. The anti-fraud mechanisms usually fingerprint a device to identify signs of misuse. They collect data such as IP address, Web browser type and version, and operating system details. If too many orders from multiple user accounts are placed from one machine, alarm bells go off and the transactions are blocked. However, cybercriminals have found ways to bypass the system through use of virtual private networks (VPN) and proxy services that hide IP addresses. They are also shown how to make the system incorrectly read the fingerprints, making it believe different computers with different browsers and operating systems have been used. The software that performs the task is freely available for download and achieves its objectives by manipulating the information in the Web browser's User-Agent header.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Tutorials-Teach-Cybercriminals-How-to-Avoid-Fraud-Detection-Systems-274013.shtml>

15. *June 6, Lake County News* – (California; National) **Petaluma man arrested for multimillion dollar scam.** The California attorney general and a Sonoma County district attorney June 5 announced the arrest of a man who stole more than \$20 million from dozens of investors in a Ponzi scheme. He was charged with 167 felony counts of grand theft, securities fraud, and elder abuse. He also was charged with many enhancements that indicate he engaged in a pattern of theft and fraud related crimes that resulted in a loss of more than \$3.2 million. The arrest declaration alleges the man used his company, Baccala Realty Inc., to raise millions of dollars from more than 50 investors for ventures in California and other states. Victims of the scheme were promised annual returns of 12 percent or more to invest in projects that were supposed to be secured by a first or second deed of trust. In fact, none of the deeds were ever recorded, and the funds raised were not used as promised. The man also allegedly used investor money in the stock market and to cover margin calls and trading losses. From 2003 to 2008, he lost about \$8 million. As his debts grew, he began promising new investors annual returns of up to 27.5 percent. In November 2008, he issued letters to investors stating he would no longer make promised monthly payments.

Source:

http://www.lakeconews.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=25390:

[regional-petaluma-man-arrested-for-multimillion-dollar-scam&catid=1:latest&Itemid=197](#)

16. *June 6, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (National) **OppenheimerFunds to pay \$35 million to settle SEC charges for misleading statements during financial crisis.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission June 6 charged investment management company OppenheimerFunds Inc., and its sales and distribution arm with making misleading statements about two of its mutual funds struggling in the midst of the credit crisis in late 2008. The SEC’s investigation found Oppenheimer used derivative instruments known as total return swaps (TRS contracts) to add substantial commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS) exposure in a high-yield bond fund called the Oppenheimer Champion Income Fund and an intermediate-term, investment-grade fund called the Oppenheimer Core Bond Fund. The 2008 prospectus for the Champion fund did not adequately disclose the fund’s practice of assuming substantial leverage in using derivative instruments. And when declines in the CMBS market triggered large cash liabilities on the TRS contracts in both funds and forced Oppenheimer to reduce CMBS exposure, it disseminated misleading statements about losses and recovery prospects. Oppenheimer agreed to pay more than \$35 million to settle the SEC’s charges.

Source: <http://www.sec.gov/news/press/2012/2012-110.htm>

17. *June 5, Knoxville News Sentinel* – (Tennessee; Georgia; Alabama) **Last defendant in bank fraud scheme using homeless people pleads guilty.** A man who helped round up homeless people in Knoxville, Tennessee, to be used in a counterfeit check-cashing scheme involving nearly \$200,000 in less than 3 weeks was set to be tried June 5, but instead pleaded guilty to a count of bank fraud conspiracy, records show. He was the last of 32 defendants — 26 of them homeless — still awaiting trial and was identified in court records as one of the key players in a conspiracy in which counterfeit check crafters in Georgia and Alabama recruited homeless people in Knoxville to cash them. The conspiracy first came to light locally when, in October 2010, a Knoxville Police Department officer, who had been alerted to a “rash of incidents involving attempts to cash counterfeit checks at local banks,” began canvassing local motels for rental cars with Georgia plates, court records show. That canvas netted the arrest of two men, who were discovered in a rental car with a homeless woman who told the officer about the scheme. The two men refused to talk but “a wad of approximately 70 counterfeit checks” were found. The homeless people’s names would then be listed as payees on checks drawn on the accounts of legitimate businesses and entities, including the Jefferson County Clerk’s Office, but bearing forged signatures. Authorities said the 20-day scam involved 71 checks totaling \$191,537.

Source: <http://www.knoxnews.com/news/2012/jun/05/last-defendant-in-bank-fraud-scheme-using-people/>

18. *June 5, U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission* – (Illinois; National) **CFTC orders Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC to pay \$5 million civil monetary penalty for unlawful noncompetitive trades.** The U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) June 5 issued an order filing and settling charges that, over an 18-month period, Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC unlawfully executed, processed, and reported

numerous off-exchange futures trades to the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) and Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT) as exchanges for related positions (EFRPs). The CFTC order requires Morgan Stanley to pay a \$5 million civil penalty. The order says that because the futures trades were executed noncompetitively and not in accordance with exchange rules governing EFRPs, they were “fictitious sales” and resulted in the reporting of non-bona fide prices, in violation of Commodity Exchange Act and CFTC regulations. The order also finds Morgan Stanley had supervisory and recordkeeping violations. It says that from at least April 18, 2008 through October 29, 2009, Morgan Stanley noncompetitively executed numerous futures trades and improperly reported them as EFRPs, since they did not have the required corresponding cash or over-the-counter derivative positions. The order finds Morgan Stanley’s supervisory systems and internal controls were not adequate to detect and deter the noncompetitive trading of futures contracts improperly designated as EFRPs.

Source: <http://www.cftc.gov/PressRoom/PressReleases/pr6270-12>

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Transportation Sector

19. *June 6, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Police chase ends in bus crash.** A man fleeing Bossier City, Louisiana police June 5 crashed into a school bus loaded with children after his escape try led him into Shreveport. The driver was a suspect in a cocaine distribution operation, said a Bossier City spokesman said. Bossier City police chased his pickup truck into Shreveport on Interstate 20. The executive director of Providence House, where the children were from, said there were 40 children on the bus, and said were 15 injured. The children went to three separate hospitals. None of the injuries were serious, mostly scrapes and bruises, authorities said, noting all of the children were discharged from the hospitals.

Source:

<http://www.shreveporttimes.com/article/20120606/NEWS03/206060335/Police-chase-ends-bus-crash>

20. *June 6, Associated Press* – (National; International) **DEA makes smuggling arrests in Puerto Rico airport.** U.S. federal agents said they raided Puerto Rico’s Luis Munoz Marin International Airport and other areas June 6, arresting at least 33 people suspected of smuggling millions of dollars’ worth of drugs aboard commercial flights. Three other suspects were arrested in the United States: two workers at Miami International Airport and another at the Dallas-Ft. Worth International Airport, according to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). The suspects were members of two Puerto Rico-based drug trafficking organizations that worked together. They are accused of helping move thousands of pounds of cocaine and several pounds of heroin from Puerto Rico to several U.S. cities including Miami and Newark, New Jersey, from 1999 to 2009, the DEA said. At least 45 arrest warrants were issued in the combined operations, 12 targeting current or former employees of American Airlines. Several other warrants were issued for workers at Ground Motive Dependable, a company that provides baggage handling services for the San Juan airport. DEA agents also sought to arrest one employee with Cape Air and a government worker with Puerto Rico’s Port

Authority. In the last 2 years, the DEA and other agencies reported an increase in the size of cocaine shipments seized around Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Nearly 8,200 pounds were seized as of May 2012, compared with 10,800 pounds seized in 2011, and more than 8,300 pounds in 2010.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/n/a/2012/06/06/international/i053229D93.DTL>

21. *June 6, Guam News* – (Guam) **‘Kontra I Piligru’ stages mock terrorist threat at port.** As part of a 2-day exercise called Kontra I Piligru, involving the Port Authority of Guam (PAG) and first responder teams, PAG raised its security level June 6 following a potential domestic terrorist threat, as two people were detained in connection with incidents where unknown chemicals were found on two vessels at the port. The exercise involved the Guam National Guard’s 94th Weapons of Mass Destruction-Civil Support Team (WMD-CST), PAG, U.S. Coast Guard, Guam Fire Department, Guam Police Department (GPD), Guam Office of Homeland Security, the Area Maritime Security Training and Exercise Program, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Corrections, and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection. The Guam Shipyard also provided support.

Source:

http://www.pacificnewscenter.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=24341:kontra-i-piligru-tests-guam-maritime-response&catid=45:guam-news&Itemid=156

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Postal and Shipping Sector

22. *June 6, KVLV 11 Fargo; KXJB 4 Fargo* – (Minnesota) **Exploding mailboxes scare Lakes Country.** Sheriff’s deputies from Otter Tail County, Minnesota warned people checking their mail to be on alert, KVLV 11 and KXJB 4 Fargo reported June 6. The warning came after an exploded mailbox was reported to Otter Tail County sheriff’s investigators. This was after a highly reactive compound made up of mixed household chemicals was secreted inside another mailbox and did not explode. Both cases featured the same chemical mixture. “I don’t think anyone was specifically targeted by this, it’s a totally random incident, it appears,” a chief deputy said.
- Source: <http://www.valleynewslive.com/story/18712173/exploding-mailboxes-scare-lakes-country>
23. *June 5, WINK 11 Fort Meyers* – (Florida) **LCSO arrest Ft. Myers man for hoax bomb.** Lee County Sheriff’s deputies in Florida arrested a man for allegedly planting a fake bomb in his own mailbox, causing a neighborhood evacuation, WINK 11 Fort Myers reported June 5. May 30, Lee County deputies responded to a Fort Myers residence regarding a suspicious device. The victim said he went out to his mailbox and discovered a bomb-like device inside. He said he did not touch the device, but closed the mailbox and called 9-1-1. Deputies secured the area and evacuated all neighbors

that were within the danger zone. The Lee County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad arrived and used a robot to take the device out of the mailbox and render it safe. The device was determined not to be a real explosive. The man stated he has had an ongoing problem with the neighbors and implicated that they may be involved. June 5, the man confessed to making the device and placing it in the mailbox.

Source: <http://www.winknews.com/Local-Florida/2012-06-05/LCSO-arrest-Ft-Myers-man-for-hoax-bomb>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

24. *June 6, Los Angeles Times* – (National) **USDA plans to let chicken plants run faster with fewer inspectors.** As part of the U.S. President's push to streamline regulations on businesses, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) plans to let chicken slaughterhouses run production lines faster and with fewer federal inspectors, the Los Angeles Times reported June 6. Under the proposal, production lines would be allowed to move 25 percent faster, while the government would cut by as much as 75 percent the number of line inspectors eyeing chicken bodies for defects before the carcasses are packaged for consumption. The quicker conveyor belts also raise the prospects that plant workers who hang carcasses, clean, trim, and cut chickens at rapid speeds will be prone to more injuries as the pace is ratcheted up, labor groups said. The USDA estimated the proposal would eliminate as many as 800 inspector positions and save the federal government \$90 million over 3 years.
Source: <http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-poultry-rules-20120606,0,3160691.story>
25. *June 6, WZZM 13 Grand Rapids* – (Michigan) **Just how bad is Michigan's fruit crop this year?** Michigan fruit farmers are calling it the most damaging weather season in recent memory. June 6, the food industry was expected to get some answers as to how much this spring's crop loss could hurt them. The Fruit Crop Guesstimate was scheduled to be released during the annual Michigan Frozen Food Packers Association (MFFPA) meeting in Grand Rapids. The MFFPA executive director expected food companies from across the State and told WZZM 13 Grand Rapids June 5 the report is bound to have some sour news considering 90 percent of the apple and cherry crops Statewide are estimated to be wiped out. However, some relief could be on the way. June 6, legislation was introduced in the Michigan house that would provide low-interest loans to both farmers and processors in designated crop damage disaster areas. Up to \$400,000 would go to individual farmers and \$1 million to Michigan processors with multiple locations.
Source: <http://www.wzzm13.com/news/article/214241/48/Just-How-Bad-is-Michigans-Fruit-Crop-this-Year>
26. *June 5, WHIO 7 Dayton* – (Ohio) **\$500K damages at St. Marys pet food plant.** Firefighters from five different departments were called to a business in St. Marys, Ohio, June 5 after getting reports of a structure on fire. The fire was reported

late June 4 at Pro-Pet, according to reports. Pro-Pet makes premium cat and dog food, according to the company's Web site. The fire reportedly happened in storage bins, according to officials. Fire crews were still on the scene 10 hours after the fire sparked. The St. Marys Fire Department was assisted by firefighters from four other departments. Damage was estimated at \$500,000 to a 60-foot silo.

Source: <http://www.whiotv.com/news/news/local/fire-hits-st-marys-pet-food-plant/nPL3p/>

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Water Sector

27. *June 6, Kitsap Sun* – (Washington) **Water main not yet repaired; school canceled at Belfair Elementary.** A water main that broke June 5 in Belfair, Washington, was still not repaired the morning of June 6. Classes at Belfair Elementary School were canceled June 6. North Mason United Methodist Church opened for people who needed water or to use restrooms. Customers of the Belfair Water District were asked to boil their drinking water until further notice after construction workers broke an 8-inch water main on Highway 300. About 2,000 home and businesses were without water after the break. Water samples were being taken, officials said. However, the boil-water advisory could last for several days if the test reveals the presence of bacteria.
Source: <http://www.kitsapsun.com/news/2012/jun/05/boil-water-advisory-issued-for-belfair/>
28. *June 5, WHAS 11 Louisville* – (Kentucky) **Major sewage spill may have polluted creek for months.** The Louisville, Kentucky Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) stopped a major sewage spill in Little Goose Creek June 5, yet the agency does not know how long a sewer line obstruction diverted 15,000 gallons of waste water per day into the creek. Officials said rainwater helped dilute the pollutants and called the dry weather spill unusual and of the “highest priority” to MSD, which is under an Environmental Protection Agency consent decree to stem overflows triggered by storm water. The agency said its top concern is to prevent people from coming into contact with the raw sewage, especially on a day with favorable weather that increases the likelihood of children playing in the water. A resident of Louisville said he first discovered the spill while on a hike in November 2011 and reported it to MSD, though they can not find any record of the man contacting them. MSD faces a \$500 fine. The agency said it was reporting the spill to federal authorities and will post signs about health dangers for the next 72 hours. After crews removed an 8-inch rock and a gallon jug from the sewer line, the spill was fixed.
Source: <http://www.whas11.com/community/blogs/political-blog/Major-sewage-spill-may-have-polluted-creek-for-months-157328495.html>
29. *June 5, Norfolk Virginian-Pilot* – (Virginia) **Va. Beach employee charged with water-meter theft.** According to police and court records, a Virginia Beach, Virginia employee was charged with stealing 19 water meters from the city's public utilities

department in 2011 and 2012, the Norfolk Virginia-Pilot reported June 5. The employee was arrested May 30 and charged with grand larceny, said a spokeswoman for Virginia Beach police. Residents typically pay between \$210 and \$6,900 for water meters, depending on the size, according to the city's Web site. In a 2011 city employee database, the worker was listed as a utility mechanic aide earning \$23,486. He was released on bond May 31 and was scheduled for a hearing June 5, according to court records.

Source: <http://hamptonroads.com/2012/06/city-employee-charged-water-meter-theft>

30. *June 4, Associated Press* – (Puerto Rico) **Puerto Rican city in US EPA clean water settlement.** A city on the north coast of Puerto Rico agreed to spend \$56 million to repair and upgrade water treatment facilities in an agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Associated Press reported June 4. The EPA said the city of Arecibo also agreed to pay a penalty of more than \$305,000 to settle violations of the Clean Water Act. The agency said Arecibo violated the act with discharges of storm water, untreated sewage, and other pollutants into a river that flows into the Atlantic Ocean. Arecibo will be required to make upgrades to its municipal sewer system as part of the agreement. The coastal city has about 100,000 residents. The settlement is subject to a 30-day comment period and must be approved by a judge.

Source:

http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/nationworld/2018355552_apcbpuertoricowaterpollution.html

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

31. *June 6, Associated Press* – (International) **Gonorrhea growing resistant to drugs, WHO warns.** June 6, the World Health Organization (WHO) urged governments and doctors to step up surveillance of antibiotic-resistant gonorrhea. The potentially dangerous disease that infects millions of people each year continues to grow resistant to drugs and could soon become untreatable. Scientists believe overuse or incorrect use of antibiotics, coupled with the gonorrhea bacteria's ability to adapt, means the disease is now close to becoming a super bug. "This organism has basically been developing resistance against every medication we've thrown at it," said a scientist in the WHO's department of sexually transmitted diseases. This includes a group of antibiotics called cephalosporins currently considered the last line of treatment. Resistance to cephalosporins was first reported in Japan, but more recently has also been detected in Britain, Australia, France, Sweden, and Norway. As these are all countries with well-developed health systems, it is likely cephalosporin-resistant strains are circulating undetected elsewhere. Therefore the Geneva-based agency wants countries not just to tighten their rules for antibiotic use, but also to improve their surveillance systems so the full extent of the problem can be determined.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/n/a/2012/06/06/international/i000525D20.DTL>

32. *June 5, Arizona Republic* – (Arizona) **73 from Scottsdale rehab center treated for carbon monoxide symptoms.** Scottsdale, Arizona fire officials said 73 people were treated for symptoms of carbon monoxide after they were evacuated from a rehabilitation center in Scottsdale June 5. The carbon monoxide leak was traced to an open pipe in an underground vault at the Scottsdale Training and Rehabilitation Services (STARS) building. Emergency crews responded after workers began complaining of dizziness and headaches and noticed an unusual smell coming from a room inside the building. Officials evacuated people to Scottsdale Stadium across the street. Eighteen people were transported to Scottsdale Healthcare Osborn as a precaution. Fire crews were able to plug the leak temporarily, but fire officials said STARS would not be able to reopen to clients until the leak is permanently fixed. Nearly 2 hours later, officials determined carbon monoxide levels had returned to normal and the situation was safe. About 150 firefighters responded. Scottsdale was assisted by crews from Tempe, Mesa, and Phoenix.
Source: <http://tucsoncitizen.com/arizona-news/2012/06/05/73-from-scottsdale-rehab-center-treated-for-carbon-monoxide-symptoms/>

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Government Facilities Sector

33. *June 6, Atlanta Journal-Constitution* – (Georgia) **Cherokee courthouse reopens after threats.** The Cherokee County Justice Center and Historic Courthouse in Canton, Georgia, reopened June 6 after being closed for more than 5 hours June 5 while authorities searched the buildings and grounds for an alleged bomb. A Cherokee sheriff's spokesman said a male called the Atlanta 9-1-1 center saying the courthouse would be bombed. The complex was evacuated as a precaution. Bomb-sniffing dogs from the sheriff's office searched the perimeters and interiors of the buildings and found nothing. While the search was under way, a second bomb threat to the courthouse was received by Cobb County 9-1-1, the sheriff's spokesman said. "There were two buildings that had to be searched and that takes quite a bit of time," he said, noting that detectives were following up on leads in an attempt to find out who made the threatening calls.
Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/cherokee/cherokee-courthouse-reopens-after-1452649.html>
34. *June 6, Westerly Sun* – (Rhode Island) **WHS to evaluate response to chemical incident.** School officials plan to evaluate their response to the June 1 evacuation at Westerly High School in Westerly, Rhode Island, and determine whether students who were sickened by the release of a lab chemical had been in the science wing. The principal ordered the high school evacuated June 1 after two students complained of nausea, headaches, and dizziness. The fire department conducted an air quality assessment, but found no traces of carbon monoxide or other contaminants, and the school was reopened. Fire officials left the scene, but were called back after an additional 16 students reported feeling sick. Eight students and one adult were later taken to hospital for treatment. Officials said formalin, a diluted form of formaldehyde, was found in the air during air quality tests. The principal said June 5 the debriefing

would look at the school's procedures for handling chemicals and lab specimens.

Source: http://www.thewesterlysun.com/news/whs-to-evaluate-response-to-chemical-incident/article_c7a851c8-afdd-11e1-99e2-001a4bcf887a.html

35. *June 5, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **Suspect held after powdery substance found in letter at DuPage courthouse.** Officials say they have in custody a person they believe sent a suspicious letter with a powdery substance to the DuPage County, Illinois courthouse June 5. A mail room clerk opened the letter and found a white substance inside. Deputies shut down the mail room and alerted the Wheaton Fire Department, which responded along with the FBI and a county hazardous materials team. An examination proved the powder to be harmless, according to the sheriff's office. Police have identified a suspect, who was turned over to the U.S. Marshal's office. The clerk was sent to the Central DuPage Hospital for a precautionary screening, police said.
Source: http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2012-06-05/news/chi-suspect-held-after-powdery-substance-found-in-letter-at-dupage-courthouse-20120605_1_powdery-substance-suspicious-letter-mail-room
36. *June 5, Associated Press* – (Wisconsin) **UW building emptied after ammonia leak.** People were evacuated from a research building at the University of Wisconsin-Madison after an ammonia leak June 5. The leak was reported in a laboratory on the ninth floor of the Engineering Research Building. Madison firefighters entered the building and shut off a 20-pound ammonia tank that was the source of the leak. A fire spokeswoman said firefighters used breathing masks as they checked other rooms in the building. The building was returned to the university after a few hours.
Source:
<http://www.greenbaypressgazette.com/article/20120606/GPG0101/206060479/UW-building-emptied-after-ammonia-leak>
37. *June 5, Charlottesville Daily Progress* – (Virginia) **UVa error put transcripts, and Social Security numbers, up on the Web.** Roughly 300 transcripts, some containing Social Security numbers, were accessible through a University of Virginia Web site June 5 due to human error, university officials confirmed. The incident came to light when a student conducting a Google search for an image of himself found his transcript online. Between 300 and 350 students who applied to the university's Summer Language Institute in the most recent 2 years appeared to have been affected, officials said. Technology experts at the university blocked public access to the data and asked Google to remove its cache of the pages in question. Officials are still working to determine how long the data was available, said the university's assistant vice president for information security, policy, and records.
Source: <http://www2.dailyprogress.com/news/2012/jun/05/uva-error-put-transcripts-and-social-security-numb-ar-1968283/>

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Emergency Services Sector

38. *June 6, Associated Press* – (South Carolina) **Guard rescued at SC prison; officers control unit.** A guard held hostage at a South Carolina high security prison was rescued June 6 after a standoff of more than 6 hours in the prison's most secure unit, a corrections department spokesman said. A nurse escorted by a guard was passing out medicine the night of June 5 when some inmates overpowered the guard at Lee Correctional Institution in Bishopville. The nurse was able to escape. When negotiations with the inmates failed, about 100 corrections officers and State Law Enforcement Division agents blew open a door and regained control of the building that houses the prison's lockdown or isolation cells. The inmates did not resist. The correctional officer had been dressed in an inmate's uniform to disguise him but he was recognized and rescued. He appeared to have suffered a head injury that was not thought to be serious and was taken to a hospital. Medication is typically passed to inmates through a slit in the door, but for some reason the guard opened the door and the inmate inside the cell attacked him.
Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2012/06/05/4541058/official-guard-taken-hostage-at.html>
39. *June 6, Associated Press* – (National) **Forest Service chief acknowledges need to modernize fleet.** Although stating Lockheed P2V air tankers are safe, the chief of the U.S. Forest Service acknowledged the need to modernize the U.S. aerial firefighting fleet June 5 after two Idaho pilots aboard a P2V died in a crash June 3 while fighting a Utah fire, the same day another firefighting plane of the same vintage was forced to make a crash landing at Nevada's Minden-Tahoe Airport. The Government previously relied primarily on C-130s for firefighting efforts but slowly started adding P2Vs in the early 1990s, then began relying much more on the planes after two C-130 crashes in 2002. Also, a National Traffic Safety Board investigator arrived at the scene of the Utah crash and began scouring the 600-yard debris field for clues about why the plane went down. The investigator said authorities analyzing the crash will consider all potential causes, including weather, mechanical failure, and pilot error. The tanker was owned by Neptune Aviation. It was built in 1962, according to federal aviation records, but had been modified to fight fires and was among only a handful of air tankers available nationwide. The other P2V was owned by Minden Air Corp. in Minden, Nevada.
Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/news/10725769/forest-service-chief-acknowledges-need-to-modernize-fleet>
40. *June 4, Fort Lauderdale Sun Sentinel* – (Florida) **36 Miami cops to be punished for speeding; officer who led State trooper on chase suspended.** In the most sweeping crackdown on police speeding yet, Miami's top cop announced June 4 he is taking action against 36 of his officers for driving off duty at speeds sometimes exceeding 100 mph. The first wave of disciplinary action includes a 6-year police veteran; he is being suspended for a month and will lose his take-home car for 3 months for leading a State trooper on a high-speed chase in October. The headline-generating traffic stop prompted a Fort Lauderdale Sun Sentinel investigation that found widespread off-duty speeding by officers at a dozen South Florida police departments. All began internal

investigations. The chief said he plans to fire one or more officers identified by the newspaper as habitual speeders, and that he is equipping 40 police vehicles with GPS devices to make sure the worst offenders slow down. The number of Miami cops being disciplined in the crackdown is the largest to date. The tally of South Florida officers punished now stands at 94, including 31 Florida Highway Patrol troopers, 9 cops from Plantation, 7 each in Sunrise and Margate, and 4 from Davie.

Source: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/local/breakingnews/fl-miami-speeding-cops-20120604,0,1424575.story?obref=obnetwork>

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Information Technology Sector

41. *June 6, Associated Press* – (International) **LinkedIn investigating reports of stolen passwords.** Business social network LinkedIn said it is investigating reports that more than 6 million passwords were stolen and leaked onto the Internet. Although LinkedIn did not confirm if any user data was hacked or leaked, researchers at Web security company Sophos said they confirmed a file posted online does contain, in part, LinkedIn password “hashes” — a way of encrypting or storing passwords in a different form. A consultant with Sophos recommended LinkedIn users change their passwords immediately. LinkedIn contains myriad information on its more than 160 million members, including potentially confidential information related to jobs being sought. Companies, recruiting services, and others have accounts alongside individuals who post resumes and other professional information. There is added concern that many people use the same password on multiple Web sites, so whoever stole the data could use the information to access Gmail, Amazon, PayPal, and other accounts, the Sophos consultant warned. LinkedIn referred repeated requests for comment to the company’s Twitter feed, where it said its team was “looking into reports of stolen passwords.” Two hours later, the company posted a second tweet saying it was still unable to confirm if a security breach occurred. A security researcher warned that LinkedIn users should be cautious about malicious e-mail generated around the incident. The concern is that users, after learning about the incident, would be tricked into following links in those e-mails. Instead of going to the real LinkedIn site to change a password, users would be directed to a scammer, who could then collect the information and use it for criminal activities.

Source: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/linkedin-investigating-reports-stolen-passwords-151609357.html>

42. *June 6, IDG News Service* – (International) **Yahoo unveils latest antispam defense.** Yahoo said it will roll out globally a new antispam specification the week of June 4, intended to make it easier for service providers to confidently discard suspicious e-mail messages. The specification, called Domain-based Message Authentication, Reporting, and Conformance (DMARC), allows e-mail senders to tell receiving services if they are using two other technologies to weed out spam. Many e-mail senders use DomainKeys Identified Mail (DKIM), which wraps a cryptographic

signature around an e-mail that verifies the domain name through which the message was sent. The second technology Sender Policy Framework (SPF), allows e-mail senders to indicate which hosts are authorized to send e-mail, allowing receiving organizations to discard messages coming from spoofed “from” addresses. The DMARC specification, which is supported by companies including Google, Facebook, Microsoft and others, lets a sender indicate if they are using SPF, DKIM, or both. It also allows senders to tell the recipient what to do with messages if authentication of some messages fails. Senders can also receive a report from recipients on how they handled the questionable messages. DMARC helps solve the problem of what to do with suspicious messages, which in some cases might have been delivered. The messages could be phishing attempts, or ploys intended to trick recipients into revealing sensitive information or encouraging them to click on malicious links leading to bogus Web sites.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9227799/Yahoo_unveils_latest_antispam_defense

43. *June 6, Help Net Security* – (International) **Facebook warns its users infected with DNSChanger.** As the date of the shutdown of the interim systems that allow computers infected by the DNSChanger trojan to connect to the Internet draws near, Facebook joined Google in sending out warnings to its infected users: “Earlier this year, Facebook joined the clean up effort by participating in the DNSChanger Working Group, which is comprised of computer security experts from the public, private, and academic sectors,” Facebook said. “As a result of our work with the group, Facebook is now able to notify users likely infected with DNSChanger malware and direct them to instructions on how to clean their computer or networks.”
Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2137
44. *June 6, H Security* – (International) **Stabilizing update for BIND DNS server.** A critical vulnerability in BIND threatened the stability of the DNS server. The problem was discovered while developers were testing experimental DNS record types, when they found it was possible to add records to BIND with zero length data fields. Recursive servers were found to crash or disclose memory content to clients, while secondary servers could crash on restart if they had transferred a zone with these zero-length records. In certain circumstances, master servers could also corrupt zone data if “auto-dnssec” was set to “maintain.” There are currently no known active exploits, though the issue was discussed on public mailing lists. There are also no known workarounds for the problem, but these are being investigated. The only option is to upgrade to the latest BIND versions, 9.6-ESV-R7-P1, 9.7.6-P1, 9.8.3-P1, or 9.9.1-P1 as appropriate.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Stabilising-update-for-BIND-DNS-server-1611764.html>
45. *June 6, H Security* – (International) **Multiple security vulnerabilities fixed in Firefox and Thunderbird.** The releases of Firefox 13 and Thunderbird 13 close many critical security holes in the open source browser and e-mail client. Mozilla also ported most of these fixes to the Extended Support Release (ESR) versions of both products. Firefox

13 includes seven security fixes, four for critically rated vulnerabilities. Six security problems also affect Firefox ESR. The corrections fix a buffer overflow and a use-after-free problem both found using the Address Sanitizer tool and many other memory safety issues. A critical privilege escalation vulnerability in the Mozilla Updater only affects the current edition of Firefox; the ESR edition is unaffected. The vulnerabilities and fixes are mirrored in the Thunderbird 13 and Thunderbird ESR updates as the browser and e-mail client share a large amount of rendering code.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Multiple-security-vulnerabilities-fixed-in-Firefox-and-Thunderbird-1611791.html>

46. *June 5, Ars Technica* – (Unknown Geographic Scope) **Google starts warning users of state-sponsored computer attacks.** Google unveiled a service that automatically displays a warning to users who may be the target of State-sponsored phishing or malware attacks. Company representatives did not indicate precisely what criteria is used to determine when a particular attack is sponsored by a government actor, because that information could be used to evade detection. They went on to say the company relies on “detailed analysis” and victim reports that “strongly suggest the involvement of states or groups that are state-sponsored.” The warnings are being implemented after Google users were hit by several high-profile attacks that show evidence of being sponsored by governments in China and Iran.

Source: <http://arstechnica.com/security/2012/06/google-state-sponsored-attack-warnings/>

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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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Communications Sector

47. *June 5, Benicia Patch* – (California) **Repairs to damaged telecommunications systems should be completed Tuesday night.** According to an AT&T spokesman, the copper thieves who struck June 2 in Benicia, California, stole about 500 feet of “900 pair cable” — a telecommunications cable holding 900 pairs of copper wire. He said approximately 1,000 AT&T customers were affected by the outage. Repairs were expected to be finished by June 5. A Comcast spokesman said his company still did not know the exact number of customers affected when a Comcast fiber optic line was severed in the theft. “We think it was several thousand customers who were affected,” he said. The cut Comcast line carries the signal into Benicia, It was repaired in 5 hours. The severed line impacted cable television, telephone, and Internet services.

Source: <http://benicia.patch.com/articles/vandals-and-thieves-strike-utility-lines-leaving-benicians-without-some-services>

48. *June 5, Keokuk Daily Gate City* – (Iowa) **Service restored to most Mediacom customers.** Most Mediacom customers in Iowa whose Internet and phone service was disrupted June 4 saw their services restored June 5. A remaining set of customers had services restored between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m., as network technicians continued to activate newly-installed equipment that communicates with individual customer modems. According to company officials, network technicians worked throughout the night and were able to re-connect full service to about 85 percent of affected customers. New electronic equipment needed to be installed and configured due to significant fire damage that occurred May 31. The fire was caused by a lightning strike to a tower adjacent to a West Burlington facility used by Mediacom to house equipment that controls telecommunication services delivered to customers in a four-county area of southeast Iowa. The interruption of Internet and phone service affected Mediacom customers in Des Moines, Henry, Lee, and Louisa counties. In the Burlington area, cable television service was out for about 3 hours May 31.

Source:

<http://www.dailygate.com/articles/2012/06/05/news/doc4fce812a5afe8500507746.txt>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

49. *June 6, Glen Ellyn Patch* – (Illinois) **Bromine leak at Lisle corporate offices deemed nontoxic.** A chemical leak at a corporate office in Lisle, Illinois, June 6, was deemed not hazardous, according to Lisle-Woodridge Fire officials. The fire department bureau chief likened the bromine in the leak to a pool chemical. A pump failure occurred in the building's mechanical room. The failing equipment pumps water with bromine tablets throughout the entire corporate office. The pump failure led to a leakage, which created a light smoke that triggered the buildings fire alarms. Around 60 people were evacuated. HAZMAT teams responded to assist. They entered the building and shut down the pump. Officials began to leave the scene after 2 hours. The fire department bureau chief said the building owners would be able to decide whether they wanted to open the building that day, noting it should be open by June 7 at the latest.

Source: <http://glenellyn.patch.com/articles/bromine-leak-at-lisle-corporate-offices-deemed-nontoxic>

50. *June 5, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Six people injured in Fitchburg apartment fire; woman injured leaping 3 stories to safety.** A three-alarm fire June 5 in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, displaced about two dozen people and caused a woman to sustain serious injuries after leaping from a third-floor window. Five others, including a firefighter, were also injured. The apartment building next door also caught fire, according to a fire chief at the scene. The fire melted the siding, but did not reach the interior. Residents will be able to return to that building once power is restored. The

fire was under control after about 40 minutes, but it still took several hours to completely extinguish. The building where the fire occurred contains six units. The third and fourth floors sustained extensive smoke and fire damage, while the first and second floors had significant water damage, according to the fire chief.

Source: <http://www.boston.com/metrodesk/2012/06/05/fitchburg-firefighters-battling-three-alarm-blaze-woman-jumps-from-building-escape-flames/Qii8ex5Sj0dQ03e4uh2oqN/story.html>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

51. *June 6, Salt Lake Tribune* – (Utah; Nevada) **Wildfires keeping crews busy across southcentral Utah.** From its southwestern border with Nevada and running east across Utah’s tinder-dry high deserts, rangelands and forests, firefighters have been busy trying to rein in several blazes that together had scorched nearly 8,000 acres. The largest of them, the White Rock Fire in the Hamlin Valley area, about 25 miles northeast of Caliente, Nevada, had scorched nearly 6,925 acres as of June 6. Sparked by lightning June 1, the fire — where the National Transportation Safety Board has begun investigating the June 3 crash of an air tanker that killed two Idaho pilots — was 20 percent contained. An incident commander said nearly 350 firefighters hoped to have the White Rock blaze fully contained by June 10. June 5, officials recommended that residents of about 20 summer cabins in the Monroe Meadows areas evacuate as the Box Creek Fire, burning in mixed conifer and aspen trees 9 miles northeast of Marysville, Utah, was lashed by winds to more than 250 acres. In nearby Wild Horse Canyon, Bureau of Indian Affairs fire monitors were watching, but not actively fighting, a blaze of more than 25 acres that was ignited by lightning June 3. However, the Lost Lake Fire, which had topped 600 acres by June 6, continued to elude control in western Wayne County, southwest of Teasdale and northwest of Capitol Reef. That fire — fought by about 50 firefighters with more crews on the way — began June 3.

Source: <http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/54252805-78/fire-acres-wednesday-forest.html.csp>

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Dams Sector

52. *June 6, Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan* – (South Dakota) **Corps says ‘anomaly’ found at Gavins Point.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced June 5 it found an “anomaly” under the apron at Gavins Point Dam near Yankton, South Dakota. The May 9 assessment, which used ground-penetrating radar (GPR), confirmed damage to the area under the spillway slab known as the “frost blanket.” The GPR also revealed an unidentified abnormality under the apron, which is the concrete found

downstream of the gates that helps prevent erosion. Corps officials emphasized the dam was safe and structurally sound with no visible stress on the concrete, No restrictions were placed on the dam at this time, they said. The dam sustained releases of 160,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) for much of the 2011 summer. The Corps was conducting further research of the findings which could take 2 or more months. In addition, the Corps also announced June 5 an estimated \$10.5 million is needed for repairs to the dam.

Source:

<http://www.yankton.net/articles/2012/06/06/community/doc4fced24559a31828008543.txt>

53. *June 5, Associated Press* – (Minnesota) **Army Corps of Engineers to reopen Twin Cities locks, dams to commercial traffic Wednesday.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reopened the three Minneapolis, Minnesota locks and dams to commercial traffic June 5, but the locks will remain closed to recreational boats. The Corps closed the locks to barges May 29 when flows on the Mississippi River exceeded 40,000 cubic feet per second (cfs). The locks were closed to recreational boats May 28 and will remain closed to recreational traffic until flows are below 30,000 cfs. The National Weather Service forecast indicated that may happen by June 10. Heavy rains the week of May 28 contributed to the increase in water. The Upper St. Anthony Falls and Lower St. Anthony Falls locks and dams are in downtown Minneapolis. Lock and Dam 1 is next to Minnehaha Park in Minneapolis.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/50935fdeef4491eb92f8e05d1a75026/MN--Minneapolis-Locks-Reopen>

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