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Energy Sector

1. *June 7, Long Island Herald* – (New York) **Transformer, cable caused Rockville Centre blackout.** More than 50 percent of Rockville Centre’s Electric Department customers in Long Island, New York, lost service for nearly 2 hours May 29 when the control power transformer at the Maple Avenue power plant failed. In addition to the 5,159 customers who lost power due to the transformer failure, another 523 lost service due to an unrelated cable failure at Grand and Park avenues. The president of the chamber of commerce said the outage affected much of the downtown retail area of the village. It also spread over areas including Centre Avenue, Village Avenue, Sunrise Highway, Maple Avenue, and parts of Long Beach Road. Both the King Kullen supermarket on Sunrise Highway and the Associated grocery store on North Long Beach Road were affected.
Source: http://www.liherald.com/stories/Transformer-cable-caused-Rockville-Centre-blackout,41352?content_source=&category_id=5&search_filter=&event_mode=&event_ts_from=&list_type=&order_by=&order_sort=&content_class=&sub_type=&
2. *June 7, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **NStar proposes to remove more than 1,000 trees.** NStar plans to remove more than 1,000 trees near major transmission lines in several communities west of Boston, as the utility works to prevent power outages that hit the region in 2011, the Boston Globe reported June 7. The cutting, which started in May, was halted in some towns earlier the week of June 4 when residents objected. The transmission lines provide power to tens of thousands of residents.
Source:
http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2012/06/07/nstar_plans_to_cut_1000_trees_to_prevent_storm_related_outages/

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Chemical Industry Sector

3. *June 8, Westerly Sun* – (Rhode Island) **Tractor-trailer catches fire in I-95 crash.** Traffic was tied up for hours June 8 after a tractor-trailer hauling garden fertilizer veered off Interstate 95 northbound, crashed, and burst into flames near Richmond, Rhode Island. The truck crashed into a guardrail at exit 3A and traveled some distance before stopping. The driver escaped before the truck caught fire. The Hope Valley-Wyoming Fire District chief said firefighters, along with five trucks from Hope Valley as well as an engine and tanker from Ashaway, doused the fire in about 15 minutes. But cleanup was expected to take hours. He said despite having one lane open, traffic was heavy. The chief said the diesel-fueled fire was so intense the tires were burned, as were the contents of the trailer and chassis. He said firefighters used foam to extinguish the fire. The chief noted there were no dangers as far as the chemicals used in the fertilizer. He said it was the common variety used on lawns.

Source: http://www.thewesterlysun.com/news/tractor-trailer-catches-fire-in-i--crash/article_a4f8f544-b170-11e1-af6c-0019bb2963f4.html

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

4. *June 8, Reuters* – (California) **San Onofre nuclear units in Calif. to be shut through August.** The two-unit San Onofre nuclear plant in San Diego County will be shut through the end of August, straining electric supply during the State’s high-demand summer period, the plant’s operator said June 7. The utility said it will submit a plan to regulators by the end of July to outline a schedule to restart Unit 2, but the plan requires the approval of nuclear regulators, which will take additional time. The 2,150-megawatt nuclear station is critical to the grid to import electricity into southern California, the State independent system operator has said. San Onofre’s extended shutdown raises the possibility of rolling power outages as warmer temperatures boost demand for power over the summer. A plan to restart Unit 3 will take longer to file with nuclear regulators due to the type of damage found there. The 5-month outage began following the discovery of premature tube wear in steam generators made by Mitsubishi Heavy Industries and installed within the past 2 years.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/06/08/utilities-operations-edison-sanonofre-idUSL1E8H81FH20120608>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Banking and Finance Sector

5. *June 8, Charleston Post and Courier* – (South Carolina) **Check fraud went undetected for almost 10 years at Charleston-based CresCom Bank.** South Carolina’s CresCom Bank is bracing for a loss of as much as \$4.5 million in the wake of what it called a check-kiting scheme that went undetected for nearly 10 years, the Charleston Post and Courier reported June 8. Carolina Financial Corp., the coastal lender’s privately held owner, disclosed the discovery in its latest quarterly report to shareholders. The transactions were traced to one “business customer” and involved monetary transfers between at least two banks, according to a letter from the chairman

of Carolina Financial. He told shareholders the alleged fraud was discovered after March 31 and still was being investigated. Since learning of the alleged fraud, CresCom has put additional controls in place over its deposit system “to further reduce this type of risk in the future,” the chairman wrote.

Source: <http://www.loansafe.org/check-fraud-went-undetected-for-almost-10-years-at-charleston-based-crescom-bank>

6. *June 7, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (Florida) **14 defendants charged in online bank fraud scheme.** A U.S. attorney, and the FBI special agent in charge of the Miami Field Office, June 7 announced the indictment of 14 individuals for their involvement in a scheme through which they gained online access to the personal checking and savings accounts of unsuspecting bank customers to steal funds. The indictment said one of the men used stolen personal identification data of unwitting bank customers, including names, birthdates, and Social Security numbers, to impersonate them and access their accounts through their banks’ Web sites. Once he had control of an account, he transferred funds to accomplices, who made their own accounts available to receive the stolen money. He also ordered checks that were used to drain victims’ accounts. He is charged with conspiring to commit bank fraud; 16 counts of substantive bank fraud; 3 counts of aggravated identity theft; and 1 count for destruction of evidence. The indictment alleges two defendants received stolen funds and recruited others to participate. Five other defendants received stolen funds by means of electronic online transfers and charged a fee for this service. Once the defendants received the stolen funds, they and others made withdrawals from different locations and returned the bulk of the proceeds to their handlers. Lastly, six of the defendants are alleged to have cashed stolen checks obtained through the online fraud.

Source: <http://www.loansafe.org/14-defendants-charged-in-online-bank-fraud-scheme>

7. *June 7, Reuters* – (National) **Bear Stearns in \$275 million shareholder settlement.** Former Bear Stearns Co. (Bear) shareholders who claimed they were misled about the investment bank’s deteriorating health agreed to settle their nationwide lawsuit for \$275 million, 4 years after the company was bought by JPMorgan Chase & Co. The all-cash settlement, disclosed June 6, resolves claims against Bear and several former executives including the company’s long-time chief executive, his successor, and a former chairman. Investors led by the State of Michigan Retirement Systems asked a New York City judge to grant preliminary approval of the settlement. JPMorgan agreed to purchase Bear March 16, 2008, in an emergency buyout brokered by the U.S. Federal Reserve, as fleeing clients were causing a liquidity crunch that drove Bear to the brink of collapse. After initially agreeing to pay \$2 per share for Bear, JPMorgan later consented to pay \$10 per share. That was far below the \$170 Bear shares once commanded. More than \$18 billion of market value at Bear was erased. The settlement covers owners of Bear Stearns stock and call options, and sellers of Bear put options, between December 14, 2006 and March 14, 2008. It was unclear how the \$275 million payout will be allocated among defendants, or how much is covered by insurance. The plaintiffs claimed Bear “secretly abandoned any meaningful effort to manage the huge risks it faced” from subprime and other mortgage-related securities. Such exposure contributed to the collapse of two in-house hedge funds in the middle of 2007.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/06/07/us-jpmorgan-bearstearns-settlement-idUSBRE85616M20120607>

8. *June 7, Associated Press* – (California) **Ex-Ca. fund manager pleads guilty to \$7M in fraud.** A former California fund manager pleaded guilty of defrauding investors out of millions of dollars as part of an investment scam. Prosecutors said the defendant entered his plea June 7 on four felony federal fraud charges. He had initially been charged with 41 felonies, including loan fraud and obstruction of justice. Prosecutors said the defendant told investors he would use their money to purchase corporate bonds backed by the Troubled Asset Relief Program. He said in his plea he acknowledges losses of more than \$7 million to the Iranian-Americans he targeted. Federal prosecutors reserved the right to argue losses to victims totaled more than \$20 million. Prosecutors said the defendant funneled the money to support his family's lavish lifestyle.

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2012/06/07/4547226/ex-ca-fund-manager-pleads-guilty.html>

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Transportation Sector

9. *June 8, WXIA 11 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **I-285 reopens after tractor trailer crash.** A tractor trailer crash and fire completely shut down a portion of the Interstate 285 highway June 8. The crash happened on I-285 west at Riverdale Road in Clayton County, Georgia, just south of Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport. Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) officials said the tractor trailer, which was carrying 45,000 pounds of sand, crashed and spilled about 50 to 100 gallons of diesel fuel into the road before catching fire.
10. *June 7, Associated Press* – (Kentucky) **Dozens hurt as tour bus flips.** Dozens of students and parents were injured June 6 when a tour bus carrying them on a trip to Washington, D.C., overturned in Hart County, Kentucky, just moments into the trip, officials said. About two dozen people aboard the bus were transported for medical treatment, the Hart County Schools superintendent said. One person suffered a head injury, and others had broken bones. The driver of the tour bus was traveling east on 728 when he failed to negotiate a curve, causing the bus to leave the roadway and turn over on its side, a public affairs officer for Kentucky State Police (KSP) Post 3 said in a news release. The bus was carrying 55 people, including 20 adults, 34 children and the driver. The students, from the Cub Run community, were mostly sixth- to eighth-graders; some were from high school. The trip was not school-related. Assisting the KSP at the crash were crews from at least 10 agencies, including a sheriff's office deputies, EMS, and fire departments.

Source: http://www.bgdailynews.com/news/local/dozens-hurt-as-tour-bus-flips/article_959b3560-b0be-11e1-9e83-001a4bcf887a.html

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Postal and Shipping Sector

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Agriculture and Food Sector

11. *June 8, Ag Professional* – (National) **Drought dominates Corn Belt in La Nina's wake.** La Nina may be gone, but the persistent drought that plagued Texas in 2011 has now slowly expanded to other areas of the United States, Ag Professional reported June 8. A map of the country's midsection is now highlighted with a bright yellow in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's latest Drought Monitor, posing as a warning of a potential drought that could soon be tightening its grip on the region. Colorado, Kansas, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas are the latest to be covered by an overwhelming majority of land rated as abnormally dry to moderate drought. In the High Plains, less than 30 percent of the area is free from any drought or dryness, primarily in the Dakotas and Nebraska. A snow drought has turned into an extreme drought for areas of northwestern Colorado, and 100 percent of the State is in some state of abnormal dryness or drought. To the east, about 60 percent of Kansas is considered to be in a drought, compared to 32 percent the week of May 28. Long-term outlooks suggest little relief for most areas. In the Seasonal Drought Outlook, the drought is expected to persist or intensify over many areas to the west of the Mississippi River. Experts are also anticipating the drought to persist in Arkansas and Missouri, as well as parts of Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Alabama. Source: <http://www.agprofessional.com/news/Drought-dominates-Corn-Belt-in-La-Ninas-wake-157897875.html>
12. *June 8, TheFencePost.com* – (Nebraska) **Hay production hindered by drought.** Hay production was in full swing in Nebraska, and the issue facing operators from across the State is the same: drought, TheFencePost.com reported June 8. Lack of moisture and an early, warm spring left many producers with decreased yields and an outlook that depicts a continued decrease in production. Nebraska is one of the top 10 alfalfa producing States, and much of the hay that is produced is used within the State to feed cattle. The first cutting is well ahead of schedule, with some producers already nearing a second cutting. The lack of moisture is expected to continue to hinder production throughout the rest of the season. Source: <http://www.thefencepost.com/article/20120608/NEWS/120609956/1032&ParentProfile=1001>
13. *June 7, Salem Capital Press* – (California) **Drought disaster declared in 3 Calif. counties.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) declared three counties in

California to be primary natural disaster areas because of drought that has persisted since October 2011, the Salem Capital Press reported June 7. Farmers and ranchers in Tehama, Marin, and Alameda counties as well as 11 contiguous counties will be able to apply for disaster assistance to make up for losses. The declaration comes after a dry spell lingered in much of the State from November 2011 until January, causing unseasonable fire danger that prompted the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to increase staffing in January. Even after a healthy round of late-winter and early-spring rains, most areas in California are still well below their seasonal rainfall totals, according to the National Weather Service.

Source: <http://www.capitalpress.com/content/TH-disaster-declaration-060712>

14. *June 6, Canadian Press* – (International) **McCain Foods to temporarily shut down New Brunswick plant due to potato shortage.** Food processing company McCain Foods temporarily closed a plant in New Brunswick, Canada, due to a potato shortage, the Canadian Press reported June 7. Its facility in Grand Falls was scheduled to shut down one production line June 10, and the other July 1. The vice-president of public relations for McCain said bad weather in the spring caused a shortage of potatoes, leading to the temporary shutdown. About 120 workers will be affected, though about 30 will be transferred to other areas. The vice-president expects the plant to reopen when the potato harvest begins, either in late August or early September.

Source: <http://www.brandonsun.com/business/breaking-news/mccain-foods-to-temporarily-shut-down-new-brunswick-plant-due-to-potato-shortage-157853915.html?thx=y>

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Water Sector

15. *June 8, Reading Eagle* – (Pennsylvania) **Sewers fouled; cleanup costly.** Workers at the sewer treatment plant serving Amity, Douglass, Earl, and Union townships in Pennsylvania were trying to determine the origin of a foreign substance that required a costly cleanup after it got into the sewer system, the Reading Eagle reported June 8. “We had to have several thousand gallons of water pumped out down at our wastewater plant at a cost of about \$4,500,” the Amity Township manager told supervisors June 6. “And when you add in what it cost in labor we ended up spending probably around \$7,000.” He described the substance as foaming and smelly. State environmental agencies were notified and were monitoring the situation.

Source: <http://readingeagle.com/article.aspx?id=391578>

16. *June 7, KVAL 13 Eugene* – (Oregon) **\$75M later, Albany sewage system sludge stacking up.** The sewage treatment plant in Albany, Oregon, can no longer handle sludge, which has city officials working to get the problem fixed, KVAL 13 Eugene reported June 7. The abundance of sludge comes just 3 years after the plant received a \$75 million upgrade. Officials were meeting with the designer of the sewer system to correct the problem. Under the reworked system from Siemens Company, sludge

dumped into tanks is supposed to be eaten by little microbes. The plant said the system has failed, leaving them with excess sludge in the hundreds of thousands of pounds. For the past 2 years, the city has transported the mostly untreated waste to a Benton County landfill. On average they transport 17 truckloads a week. Siemens Company and city officials have not agreed on what is covered in costs, but they will meet in California the week of June 11 to settle the dispute.

Source: <http://www.kval.com/news/local/Sewage-treatment-stand-off-in-Albany-157966885.html>

17. *June 7, Forum of Fargo-Moorhead* – (North Dakota) **Landslide moves Fargo road 13.5 feet, breaks water main.** Officials said Fargo, North Dakota’s largest landslide in recent memory will cost at least \$100,000 to repair after it dislocated a section of road, broke a water main, and plugged a drainage ditch, the Forum of Fargo-Moorhead reported June 7. City employees became aware of the problem May 31 when the water pressure dropped in a north-side tower because of the water main break, the public works director said. Engineers found a section of 32nd Street North measuring more than 100 feet long had shifted 13.5 feet to the west, causing cracks in the gravel road and large ruts at each end. The road and an adjacent drain field had slid toward Legal Drain 10, pushing up the bottom of the drainage ditch and blocking the main channel. Engineers said it appeared the ground shifted under the weight of a stockpile of aggregate sitting along the street on the site of Border States Paving Inc.’s asphalt production plant. Engineers surveyed the drain to make sure water could still pass over the plugged section without flooding surrounding land and hired a contractor to clear the drain after Border States finished moving the aggregate away from the road to prevent more slumping. The drain was expected to be open by the weekend of June 9. All other repairs were expected to be complete in 4 to 6 weeks. Crews recapped the water main, for future development, at the point of breakage and will likely have to replace the entire section that shifted, they said. The damaged road was barricaded, temporarily cutting off access.

Source: <http://www.inforum.com/event/article/id/363517/>

18. *June 7, Salisbury Daily Times* – (Maryland) **Salisbury settles wastewater treatment plant lawsuit.** A \$10 million settlement was reached in a lawsuit Salisbury, Maryland, filed against O’Brien & Gere, the company that designed its faulty wastewater treatment plant, the Salisbury Daily Times reported June 7. According to city officials, representatives from the city and the company participated in a mediation session in May to try to resolve the dispute. The senior vice president of O’Brien & Gere said the cost of the settlement will be covered primarily by the engineer’s insurance company, and the money will assist the city in achieving compliance with Maryland’s environmental rule. The city spent in excess of \$60 million on the plant. Repairs are estimated to cost another \$60 million.

Source: <http://www.delmarvanow.com/article/20120607/WIC01/120607023>

19. *June 7, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (West Virginia) **Huntington W.Va. settles storm water violations with EPA.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced June 7 a settlement of alleged Clean Water Act violations by Huntington, West Virginia. In a consent agreement with the EPA, the city will pay a

\$15,000 penalty and implement environmental projects to improve water quality in the Ohio River. The projects will have the added benefit of creating green space and reducing flooding in the city. EPA's complaint alleged the city violated the terms of the statewide MS4 permit by failing to: identify and address improper discharges to the system; control stormwater from newly developed and redeveloped sites; and provide employee training in reducing pollution in municipal operations. In addition to the cash penalty, the environmental projects are estimated to cost \$84,000 which will improve local environmental conditions and safeguard water quality in the Ohio River.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/489bade301f4ff6c85257a1700405283?OpenDocument>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

20. *June 8, WSB 95.5 FM Atlanta* – (Georgia) **Search for gunman after man was shot and killed at Northside Hospital.** Police do not know why two people started shooting outside Northside Hospital in Sandy Springs, Georgia, June 7. A man died from multiple gun shots on the second level of the parking deck next to the Northside Hospital Women's Center, and the gunmen were on the run, according to a Sandy Springs police lieutenant. Northside Hospital was put on lockdown for a few hours but has reopened. A hospital spokesman said there was no connection between the shooting and Northside Hospital.

Source: <http://www.wsbradio.com/news/news/local/sandy-springs-police-are-canvassing-area-after-man/nPPdf/>

21. *June 8, WPSD 6 Paducah* – (Illinois) **Repairs to tornado-damaged hospital facing delays.** Two sets of architects and engineers have come in to take a look at the tornado-damaged portion of Harrisburg Medical Center in Harrisburg, Illinois, WPSD 6 Paducah reported June 8. A full assessment of the damage to that particular wing of the facility is not complete yet because crews had to remove asbestos first. Two inpatient rooms, a few offices, and the cardiac rehab center were all damaged in February's tornado. At that time, crews worked to stabilize the walls to prevent a collapse. The structure's roof also took a hit. There is no guarantee the trusses are secure. The hospital's chief executive officer said rebuilding could take at least a year and cost upwards of \$2 million.

Source: <http://www.wpsdlocal6.com/news/local/Repairs-to-tornado-damaged-hospital-facing-delays-157940295.html>

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Government Facilities Sector

22. *June 8, Associated Press* – (Arkansas) **UCA building remains closed after evacuation.** A building at the University of Central Arkansas (UCA) in Conway remained closed after being evacuated June 7 when 11 people fell ill. Five students,

five UCA police officers, and a paramedic were treated for nausea at an area hospital after Burdick Hall was evacuated when students fell ill during a class. UCA's vice president said the cause is not known, but investigators will look for a possible malfunction in the building's cooling system. Health and science and liberal arts classes are held in the building — which also houses the university's information technology department. UCA said classes would be held in another building on campus.

Source: <http://www.kait8.com/story/18729868/uca-building-remains-closed-after-evacuation>

23. *June 6, KOVR 13 Sacramento* – (California) **Suspicious device destroyed at Cordova High School.** A suspicious device was found on campus at the Cordova, California High School and destroyed June 6, according to the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department. A janitor found the device and called police. Sheriff's deputies and Rancho Cordova police secured the area. The school year ended May 31, but there were still staff members on campus who were evacuated. The fire department and bomb squad were also called out and the device was blown up. It was then being tested for explosives. The object was described as about the size of two milk cartons.
- Source: <http://sacramento.cbslocal.com/2012/06/06/cordova-high-school-evacuated-for-investigation-of-suspicious-device/>

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Emergency Services Sector

24. *June 8, Pueblo Chieftan* – (Colorado) **Emergency radio system fails.** Severe weather briefly knocked the Colorado Statewide Digital Trunked Radio System offline the night of June 6. "It was a momentary glitch. It was a meteorological anomaly," a city radio technician said. Heavy rain and hail pounded Colorado Springs and Southern Colorado, two areas where radio towers are stationed that maintain the statewide frequency. The weather in those areas caused the frequency to go offline in Pueblo. The statewide frequency allows law enforcement and emergency responders to communicate on a single radio wave in the event of a large emergency.
- Source: http://www.chieftain.com/news/local/emergency-radio-system-fails/article_2c94f17c-b12d-11e1-a6c6-0019bb2963f4.html
25. *June 7, Detroit News* – (Michigan) **Officials reviewing security after man with gun enters Detroit probation office.** Michigan corrections officials are evaluating security at Metro Detroit's probation offices after a man tried to pull a loaded semiautomatic pistol on officers June 4 as they arrested him on an outstanding warrant. When the man walked into Greenfield District Probation office, State and federal officers were waiting for him but he resisted arrest, said a Michigan Department of Corrections spokesman. "During the arrest, he was struggling with the officers and attempted to reach for something in his waistband," he said. "After he was placed into custody, officers found a loaded 9 mm handgun on him." In the wake of the incident, corrections officials are reviewing security at the 15 probation offices in Metro Detroit. "We have metal detectors at 10 of the offices in the Detroit area, but five of them don't have detectors," he said. "We're looking at ways we can beef up security at (the Greenfield) office and

our other offices there — either adding a metal detector or hiring a security officer who would use a wand to scan people as they come into the buildings.”

Source: <http://www.detroitnews.com/article/20120607/METRO/206070454/Officials-reviewing-security-after-man-gun-enters-Detroit-probation-office?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|FRONTPAGE>

26. *June 6, Corpus Christi Caller-Times* – (Texas) **Texas county to track sex offenders who evacuate before hurricanes.** In the event of an evacuation before a hurricane makes landfall, the Nueces County, Texas Community Supervision and Corrections Department devised a plan to keep tabs on the nearly 5,000 people on probation, including sex offenders, those in drug treatment, and violent offenders. About 2 months ago, probation officers and staff gave everyone on probation a form to fill out that detailed where they would go if they evacuated and whom probation officers could contact to confirm. Starting in June, officers will randomly check probationers’ evacuation data to confirm they have a place to stay. The department director said probationers are not allowed to evacuate to shelters, but it might happen. If it does, they are required to call a 1-800 number set up by the county and leave a message detailing where they will be. Depending on the probationers’ risk level, probation officers may let them stay at the shelter. The director said the probation department developed its hurricane plan based on other cities’ experiences, including Galveston, Texas, and New Orleans.

Source: <http://www.independentmail.com/news/2012/jun/06/texas-county-track-sex-offenders-who-evacuate-hurr/>

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Information Technology Sector

27. *June 8, IDG News Service* – (International) **Oracle to issue 14 patches for Java SE.** Oracle is planning to ship 14 patches related to Java SE June 12, including a number with the highest level of severity under the common vulnerability scoring system (CVSS) framework, according to a pre-release announcement on the company’s Web site. “Due to the threat posed by a successful attack, Oracle strongly recommends that customers apply Critical Patch Update fixes as soon as possible,” Oracle said. The patch batch is aimed at security weaknesses in many products, including JDK and JRE 7 Update 4 and earlier; JDK and JRE 6 Update 32 and earlier; and JavaFX version 2.1 and earlier, according to the announcement. A dozen of the 14 fixes can be exploited by an attacker remotely, with no username or password required, Oracle said. A number of the weaknesses have a CVSS base score of 10.0, the highest possible, but Oracle did not provide further specifics.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9227909/Oracle_to_issue_14_patches_for_Java_SE

28. *June 8, Help Net Security* – (International) **New BIOS rootkit spotted.** Toward the end of 2011, a Chinese company detected the first rootkit ever that targeted computers' BIOS in order to be able to reinfect computers over and over again, even after the hard drive is physically removed and replaced. This BIOS rootkit was dubbed Mebromi (or MyBios), and targeted only users who had Award BIOS on their computers. Still, as it came bundled with a MBR toolkit, a kernel mode rootkit, a PE file infector, and a trojan downloader, users who did not have those motherboards and that BIOS were still not spared an infection. Presently, a second BIOS rootkit — dubbed Niwa!mem — was detected by McAfee. Initially a rootkit that infected the master boot record, its latest variant became a “BIOSkit.” “The malware overwrites the original MBR in sector 0 and writes the file to be dropped (the downloader) in hidden sectors. The DLL copies itself to the Recycle folder and deletes itself. The downloader is dropped and executed every time the system is started,” the researchers explain. “All the components dropped will be present in the DLL, including the utility cbrom.exe from the BIOS manufacturer, which the malware uses to flash the BIOS.” Award BIOS is still the target, and while there are some changes in the code of the malware, many strings are near identical, making the researchers speculate the same group developed both Mebromi and Niwa!mem.

Source: http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=2143&utm

29. *June 7, IDG News Service* – (International) **Flame authors order infected computers to remove all traces of the malware.** The creators of the Flame cyber-espionage threat ordered infected computers still under their control to download and execute a component designed to remove all traces of the malware and prevent forensic analysis, security researchers from Symantec said June 6. Flame has a built-in feature called SUICIDE that can be used to uninstall the malware from infected computers. However, the week of May 28, Flame's creators decided to distribute a different self-removal module to infected computers that connected to servers still under their control, Symantec's security response team said. Even though it is similar in functionality to the SUICIDE feature — both being able to delete many files associated with the malware — the new module goes further. “It locates every [Flame] file on disk, removes it, and subsequently overwrites the disk with random characters to prevent anyone from obtaining information about the infection,” the researchers said. “This component contains a routine to generate random characters to use in the overwriting operation. It tries to leave no traces of the infection behind.”

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9227876/Flame_authors_order_infected_computers_to_remove_all_traces_of_the_malware

30. *June 7, The Register* – (International) **LinkedIn users buried in spam after database leak.** LinkedIn users were bombarded by spam e-mails after the social network was hacked and hashed passwords of users were posted online. Members of the business network told The Register June 7 they received scores of invitations to “link in” with new connections, often flagged with warnings from their e-mail provider the message could not be verified as coming from LinkedIn.com. Some of the e-mails urging people to input a new password by clicking on a link turned out to be phishing messages. The real LinkedIn password-reset e-mail has no links in it. Passwords alone are not enough

to give hackers the ability to distribute spam, meaning the cyber criminals also stole e-mail addresses. Alternatively, the hackers, or the people to whom they gave the data, may still have access to LinkedIn's databases.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/06/07/linkedin_spam_emails_data_breach/

31. *June 7, H Security* – (International) **SeaMonkey 2.10 released, closes security holes.** Mozilla's SeaMonkey Project announced the release of version 2.10 of its open source "all-in-one Internet application suite." The new version of SeaMonkey closes seven security holes, four of which are rated as critical. These include a buffer overflow and use-after-free issues, as well as a privilege escalation problem in the Mozilla Updater and various memory safety hazards. High impact information disclosure and Content Security Policy inline-script bypass bugs and moderate parsing errors were also fixed.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/SeaMonkey-2-10-released-closes-security-holes-1612610.html>
32. *June 7, Threatpost* – (International) **More sophisticated DDoS attack a new threat to Apache servers.** A once flawed distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attack targeting the world's most widely used Web servers has improved its cryptography and attack capabilities to become a more serious threat. MP-DDoser, also known as "IP-Killer," uses a relatively new low-bandwidth, "asymmetrical" HTTP attack to inflict a denial-of-service attack against Apache Web servers by sending a very long HTTP header. This forces the Web servers to do a great deal of server-side work for a relatively small request. Also, the malware now incorporates multiple layers of encryption. Such sophistication is much different from the first version that appeared as a proof-of-concept Perl script in August 2011 and again months later in the Armageddon DDoS bot, according to a new report by Arbor Networks.
Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/more-sophisticated-ddos-attack-new-threat-apache-servers-060712
33. *June 7, ZDNet* – (International) **Microsoft to fix dangerous IE, Windows security holes.** Microsoft's June batch of security patches will include critical fixes for dangerous security holes in the Windows operating system and the Internet Explorer browser. According to advance notice from the company, 7 security bulletins will be released to address at least 28 documented vulnerabilities in Microsoft Windows, Internet Explorer, Visual Basic for Applications, Dynamics AX, and the .NET Framework. Three of the seven bulletins (Windows, IE, and .NET) will be rated "critical," Microsoft's highest severity rating. The other four bulletins will carry an "important" rating and deal with vulnerabilities that could be exploited in code execution and privilege escalation attacks. This June's patch batch comes right after the decision the weekend of June 2 to release an emergency fix to thwart "active attacks" that use unauthorized digital certificates derived from a Microsoft Certificate Authority.
Source: <http://www.zdnet.com/blog/security/microsoft-to-fix-dangerous-ie-windows-security-holes/12374>
34. *June 7, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Criminals bypassing sophisticated device fingerprinting with basic tools.** Research from Trusteer shows device fingerprinting,

which is used in fraud detection systems, might be a useless layer of protection after they discovered a manual for bypassing such features being circulated among online criminals. In it, the author explains how to bypass the layered protection found in several fingerprinting systems. The tutorial explains that the usage of commercial VPNs and proxy services will work to defeat the IP protections within the fingerprinting systems, and adds information on how to make sessions from a single system appear as if they originate from different computers, operating systems, and browsers by altering the user agent headers.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/criminals-bypassing-sophisticated-device-fingerprinting-basic-tools>

35. *June 7, Ars Technica* – (International) **Another hack? Last.fm warns users to change their passwords.** Social music site Last.fm announced an investigation into a user password leak June 7. As a consequence of a recent leak involving large sites such as LinkedIn (where 8 million passwords could have been compromised) and eHarmony, Last.fm asked users to change passwords immediately. Users can switch their passwords by logging in and accessing the “Settings” page, or by reporting their password as lost. In the site’s announcement, Last.fm re-emphasized these are the only ways to change passwords: “We will never e-mail you a direct link to update your settings or ask for your password.” Last.fm will update the status of the leak in the site’s user forums or through Twitter when more information is available.

Source: <http://arstechnica.com/security/2012/06/another-hack-last-fm-warns-users-to-change-their-passwords/>

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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

36. *June 8, WTAP 49 Parkersburg* – (West Virginia) **Telephone outage in Mineral Wells area.** Frontier Telephone Service restored power to the Mineral Wells, Virginia area about 19 hours after an outage from a cut telephone line, the Wood County 9-1-1 director reported June 8. Frontier first reported the problem late the afternoon of June 7. Frontier said the outage likely affected wireless service in that area. People with an emergency who could not reach 9-1-1 were advised to go to the Mineral Wells Volunteer Fire Department for assistance. The department had radio communications with Wood County 9-1-1 if other public safety agencies were needed during the outage.
Source:

http://www.wtap.com/news/headlines/Telephone_Outage_In_Mineral_Wells_Area_157930005.html

37. *June 8, Martinsburg Journal* – (West Virginia) **Communication services interrupted in Jefferson County.** Local wildlife helped cause a disruption in communications services throughout Jefferson County, West Virginia, June 7 when Frontier Communications found its fiberoptic cables chewed through in two separate locations, said a company spokesman. The situation resulted in portions of the county losing phone and Internet services. The director of Jefferson County Homeland Security and Emergency Management said Jefferson County Emergency Communications (JCEC), the county’s 9-1-1 center, was affected by the outage. However, a JCEC supervisor said the center was able to switch to its backup system. Landlines, cellphones, and Internet access were all affected to varying degrees. “To restore service, we had to acquire 1,600 feet of fiber optic cable,” the Frontier spokesman said. “Some of the cable that required replacement was buried, thus requiring excavation,” he noted. As of 5:30 p.m. June 7, service had been restored to many cellphones and landline phones.
Source: <http://www.journal-news.net/page/content.detail/id/580220/Communication-services-interrupted-in-Jefferson.html?nav=5006>
38. *June 8, New Tampa Patch* – (Florida) **Bright House cable, Internet out in New Tampa.** Officials working on Interstate 75 construction accidentally severed Bright House lines June 7, cutting off cable and Internet for New Tampa, Florida-area customers. A Bright House spokesman said “a good portion” of New Tampa was affected by the incident but could not provide specific numbers. Cable workers were addressing the issue and expected to have the matter resolved by June 8, the spokesman said.
Source: <http://newtampa.patch.com/articles/bright-house-cable-internet-out-in-new-tampa>
39. *June 6, WFMJ 21 Youngstown* – (Ohio) **Copper thief responsible for phone outage in Trumbull County.** A copper thief was blamed for a phone service outage in Trumbull County, Ohio, June 5. Utility workers spent the afternoon June 5 trying to restore service to parts of Niles and Weathersfield Township. An AT&T spokesperson said someone took telephone lines from utility poles on West Park Avenue. The theft cut service to an undetermined number of homes and businesses in the area.
Source: <http://www.wfmj.com/story/18718497/c>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

40. *June 8, WAGA 5 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **Police: 2 killed in shooting outside funeral at DeKalb Co. church.** Two people were killed and several others injured after a gunfight broke out outside of a funeral at a church in Stone Mountain, Georgia, June 7, according to a DeKalb County police spokesperson. The shooting occurred at the

Victory for the World Church as people were leaving a funeral service. Police believed the suspect in the shooting death of the person being mourned appeared at the church, which instigated a fight and subsequent shooting.

Source: <http://www.myfoxtlanta.com/story/18730125/dekalb-funeral-shooting>

41. *June 8, St. Louis Post-Dispatch* – (Missouri) **Woman caught cooking meth inside a south St. Louis County Walmart.** A customer cooking a so-called “one pot” batch of methamphetamine inside a soda bottle in her purse caused the evacuation of a St. Louis Walmart store June 7. The woman was caught shoplifting an item unrelated to meth-making when store security and then police discovered the 20-ounce bottle. The store full of customers was evacuated because of the possible dangers of the chemical concoction. “It had the potential to be flammable or blow up at any time,” a police lieutenant said. He described the initial situation inside the store as “volatile,” but said the evacuation was mostly precautionary. The woman and a male companion were arrested. Police investigators also confiscated several meth-making precursors from the suspects’ car in the Walmart parking lot. The store was scheduled to reopen many hours after the incident.

Source: http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/woman-caught-cooking-meth-inside-a-south-county-walmart/article_c21df9fc-b108-11e1-8d6f-0019bb30f31a.html

42. *June 7, U.S. Department of Labor* – (New York) **U.S. Labor Department’s OSHA cites Cobleskill, NY, Wal-Mart Super Center for repeat and serious safety hazards; proposes \$52,600 in fines.** The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) June 7 cited Walmart Stores Inc. for alleged repeat and serious violations of workplace safety standards at the Walmart Super Center store in Cobleskill, New York. The OSHA found emergency exit access from a receiving and storage area was obstructed by storage of pallets containing merchandise and equipment, and employees were not able to safely operate pallet jacks in aisles and passageways that were obstructed by stacked merchandise. In addition, portable fire extinguishers were not mounted and located in safely accessible areas, and the lack of a protective fitting and strain relief for an electrical conduit entering a control box presented an electrical hazard. These conditions resulted in the issuance of citations for three repeat violations. Additionally, a citation was issued for a serious violation involving a lack of eye, face, and hand protection as well as safety training for employees operating cardboard balers.

Source:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=22497

43. *June 7, Cliffview Pilot* – (New Jersey) **Ridgewood underground transformer explodes, fills area with smoke.** Repairs were made following an underground transformer explosion and fire June 6 that sent smoke up through sidewalk grates and forced the evacuation of the Clearview Warner Quad movie theater and three neighboring businesses in Ridgewood, New Jersey. East Ridgewood Avenue remained closed to vehicles between Cottage Place and Walnut Street until that afternoon. Public Service Electric and Gas Company personnel were called to make the area safe for

firefighters to extinguish the fire.

Source: <http://www.cliffviewpilot.com/bergen/3923-ridgewood-underground-transformer-explodes-fills-area-with-smoke>

44. *June 6, Tampa Tribune* – (Florida) **Owner's stepson charged in Thai market arson, burglary.** The suspect in the June 5 torching of a popular Tampa, Florida eatery and market was the owner's stepson, relatives said. The man was arrested by officers who saw the Thai Market and Kitchen on fire and him running from the back of the building, police said. Police officers happened to be patrolling the area and saw flames coming from the business. As they turned toward the business, they saw a man running from the back, wearing gloves, and carrying a black backpack. Police captured him after a short chase. Police said the man was carrying a DVR system for video surveillance and money from the market's safe. He was charged with arson, burglary, and resisting arrest without violence. The owner of the business said it was a total loss. Source: <http://www2.tbo.com/news/breaking-news/2012/jun/05/1/fire-at-dale-mabry-business-called-suspicious-ar-412402/>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

45. *June 8, Associated Press* – (Wyoming) **Wyo. firefighters work to secure containment lines.** Firefighters were working to secure containment lines around a 6,000-acre wildfire burning in Wyoming's Medicine Bow National Forest, the Associated Press reported June 8. Fire managers said crews were freed up to work on the most active areas of the fire, which was about 10 percent contained. The fire was burning about 20 miles northwest of Wheatland in mixed ponderosa pine, brush, and grass. Lightning is suspected of starting it June 3. Source: <http://www.kulr8.com/news/wyoming/158127505.html>
46. *June 7, Deseret News* – (Utah; Nevada) **Wildfires in south-central Utah grow to 2,300 acres each.** An early summer wildfire season was putting firefighters on the front lines across Utah, with seven large fires burning across the State, June 7. Three of the fires were in south-central Utah, within close proximity. Firefighters were gaining ground on the Lake Creek Fire, but they were still struggling to contain the Lost Lake and the Box Creek fires — which have each grown to more than 2,300 acres in just a few days. The Lost Lake Fire was burning near Teasdale in Wayne County. The largest fire in the State was sparked by lightning June 1. Since then, the White Rock Fire has scorched more than 6,300 acres along the Nevada border. As of June 7, it was 65 percent contained. Source: <http://www.deseretnews.com/article/865557125/Wildfires-in-south-central-Utah-grow-to-2300-acres-each.html?pg=all>

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Dams Sector

47. *June 7, Melbourne Age* – (International) **Sandbag thieves leave flood areas vulnerable.** Police in Victoria, Australia, were investigating the theft of sandbags from key locations around Lakes Entrance where residents were bracing for another king tide that could inundate properties June 7. The army and local residents spent the day sandbagging areas of the site which, together with nearby Loch Sport, Paynesville, and Raymond Island, was in danger again from floodwaters rushing from the high country to the coast. A state emergency service spokeswoman said sandbags were protecting critical infrastructure and properties from a predicted king tide June 6, but many people were seen stealing them overnight. The thefts were believed to have occurred at several locations around Lakes Entrance. There were fears the king tide June 6 could flood up to 400 homes, almost 50 properties at Metung, and more than 175 at Paynesville. The bureau of meteorology said major flood warnings were in place for the Mitchell and Snowy rivers. A moderate flood warning was issued for the Buchan, Macalister, and Thomson rivers, while minor flood warnings were issued for six other rivers.
Source: <http://sl.farmonline.com.au/news/state/agribusiness-and-general/general/sandbag-thieves-leave-flood-areas-vulnerable/2582937.aspx>
48. *June 7, Associated Press* – (Missouri) **Twain Lake recreation area reopening.** The Bluffview Recreation Area at Mark Twain Lake in northeast Missouri, ravaged by flooding in 2008, will reopen for daylight use June 8, according to the Quincy Herald-Whig. Massive releases from Clarence Cannon Dam aimed at lowering high-water levels in Mark Twain Lake caused significant damage to the recreation area. The water broke through a re-regulation dam and eroded the stream banks at Bluffview. Repair work continues, but the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which operates the area, said the dam and downstream channel were repaired through a \$5.9 million project funded with federal stimulus money.
Source: <http://www.kctv5.com/story/18728916/twain-lake-recreation-area-reopening>

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