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- A survey of large financial institutions shows they faced more attacks by hackers to take over customer banking accounts in 2011 than in the 2009 and 2010, and approximately one-third of these attacks succeeded. – *Network World* (See item [16](#))
- Authorities were trying to determine whether a fire near a Bay Area Rapid Transit station that shut down train service between San Francisco and Oakland, California, June 14 was intentionally set. – *Associated Press* (See item [17](#))
- New Hampshire's attorney general's office is investigating a hepatitis C outbreak at Exeter Hospital after State health officials determined a hospital worker is likely to blame for infecting at least 20 patients. – *Manchester Union Leader* (See item [31](#))
- Authorities arrested a Pennsylvania man on charges he tried to sell secret access information to two U.S. government supercomputers for \$50,000 to an undercover FBI agent. – *IDG News Service* (See item [39](#))
- The National Park Service announced June 14 that potential danger from the unstable 3,000-foot-tall Glacier Point in California's Yosemite National Park will leave some popular lodging areas permanently uninhabitable. – *Associated Press* (See item [58](#))

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## Energy Sector

1. *June 15, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Crews clean up spill of 1,000 gallons of gas in Dorchester.** Traffic was back to normal after a fuel truck that crashed into a light pole leaked about 1,000 gallons of gasoline in Boston’s Dorchester neighborhood late June 14, officials said. “It appears the truck cut the corner too close and the wheels went up over the light pole and the light pole ruptured the tank,” said a Boston Fire Department spokesman. Due to the fumes from the crash, officials evacuated about 44 residents, he said. They were allowed to return to their homes the morning of June 15. The road was then opened to traffic. Roughly 11,000 gallons of fuel were in the truck, but emergency crews were able to quickly respond to the scene to contain it and clean it up before the morning commute.  
Source: <http://bostonglobe.com/metro/2012/06/15/fuel-truck-leaks-gallons-gasoline-dorchester-avenue-after-hitting-pole/OH0x7qI38d1GDqdsJqC7TJ/story.html>
2. *June 14, CNET* – (National) **Disaster awaits U.S. power grid as cybersecurity lags.** Security technology used by U.S. electric utilities is flawed and could increase the odds of computer intrusions or sabotage, warns the co-chair of the North American Energy Standards Board’s (NAESB) Critical Infrastructure Committee. NAESB scheduled a committee vote June 14 to decide when the digital certificates it authorizes should expire. Since even carefully designed algorithms have flaws that will be discovered over time, which happened with the MD5 algorithm in 1995 and the SHA-1 algorithm in 2005, a shorter period is considered more secure. Two companies, Open Access Technology International and GlobalSign, which are authorized by the NAESB to issue digital certificates to the industry, argue that a 30-year expiration for digital certificates is sufficient. The co-chair of the NAESB Critical Infrastructure Committee said, “I’d be advocating for something smaller like 10 or 5 (years) but that’s not on the table at the moment.” The president of NAESB said it is unclear whether the revised digital certificate standard will apply to Web interfaces or embedded supervisory control and data acquisition systems — which directly control power and gas

transmission — as well.

Source: [http://news.cnet.com/8301-1009\\_3-57452863-83/disaster-awaits-u.s-power-grid-as-cybersecurity-lags/](http://news.cnet.com/8301-1009_3-57452863-83/disaster-awaits-u.s-power-grid-as-cybersecurity-lags/)

3. *June 14, Associated Press* – (Oklahoma) **Disaster declaration approved for five Okla. counties.** The U.S. President approved a disaster declaration for five Oklahoma counties June 14, following severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding between April 28 and May 1. The storms resulted in an estimated \$5.8 million in infrastructure damage and response costs in Alfalfa, Craig, Grant, Kay, and Nowata counties. The designation delivers federal funding to help municipalities, counties, and rural electric cooperatives with infrastructure repairs, debris removal, and costs associated with responding to the storms.

Source: [http://www.kjrh.com/dpp/news/local\\_news/disaster-declaration-approved-for-five-okla-counties](http://www.kjrh.com/dpp/news/local_news/disaster-declaration-approved-for-five-okla-counties)

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

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

4. *June 15, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Ohio nuclear plant restarts, finds no new cracks.** The Davis-Besse nuclear plant along Lake Erie in Oak Harbor, Ohio, was back in operation June 15 after shutting down for more than a month for scheduled refueling and maintenance. Plant operators said the facility began producing electricity the week of June 11. The shutdown that started May 6 included a series of safety inspections at the site. During the previous shutdown in fall 2011, crews found cracks in the outer concrete wall that is designed to protect the reactor. The company said the latest inspections indicated those cracks have not grown, and no new cracks were found.  
Source: <http://www.onntv.com/content/stories/apexchange/2012/06/15/oh--nuclear-plant-maintenance.html>
5. *June 14, NHK World* – (International) **High radiation one floor above reactor.** Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO) said it has detected extremely high levels of radiation on a floor just above the No. 2 reactor at the crippled Fukushima nuclear plant in Fukushima Prefecture, Japan. TEPCO sent a robot into the reactor building June 13 to take video images and radiation measurements. The company said a reading of 880 millisieverts per hour of radiation was detected on the fifth floor, which is 4.5 meters above the reactor containment vessel. TEPCO suspects radioactive substances leaked from the No. 2 reactor moved through the location. TEPCO must find and repair the damaged parts of the reactor to recover melted nuclear fuel before starting

decommissioning. But it said high radiation often stops workers from entering the building.

Source: [http://www3.nhk.or.jp/daily/english/20120615\\_02.html](http://www3.nhk.or.jp/daily/english/20120615_02.html)

6. *June 14, Associated Press* – (California) **Feds find security issues at Calif. nuclear plant.** Federal regulators uncovered security problems at the San Onofre nuclear plant in San Diego County, California, that could result in its owner, Southern California Edison, being issued violations, the Associated Press reported June 14. A Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) statement said inspectors reviewed records, observed activities, and interviewed personnel during an inspection in May. The inspection found apparent violations, but many details were withheld because of security concerns. The problems cited included failure to develop procedures to monitor security of certain electronic devices at the plant. An Edison statement said the problems had been addressed and corrected before the NRC inspection, but gave no further details, citing security concerns.

Source: <http://www.mercedsunstar.com/2012/06/14/2384237/feds-find-security-issues-at-calif.html>

7. *June 14, Gloucester Times* – (New Hampshire) **NRC cites 7 issues for Seabrook renewal.** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued a report on the Seabrook nuclear power plant's application to extend its operating license 20 years, finding that, if seven still outstanding issues are fixed, the Seabrook, New Hampshire power plant will have met the requirements needed for a new license, the Gloucester Times reported June 14. The report is a technical review of safety concerns at Seabrook Station required in the commission's process of reviewing licensing at the nation's nuclear plants. According to a NRC spokesman, the focus of the renewal process is on aging management programs for key safety systems, structures, and components. One of the seven open items relates to concrete degradation found in some areas of Seabrook's subterranean walls, due to alkali-silica reaction within the concrete.

Source: <http://www.gloucestertimes.com/local/x1901562425/NRC-cites-7-issues-for-Seabrook-renewal>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

8. *June 15, Associated Press* – (Illinois) **Agency cites Urbana plant for alleged violations.** Federal authorities cited an Urbana, Illinois bumper manufacturing plant with safety and health violations for allegedly failing to monitor workers' exposure to harmful materials while cleaning industrial tanks. A June 14 statement from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) said Flex-N-Gate Corp. did not take sufficient steps to monitor exposure to nickel, chromium, hydrochloric acid, and sulfuric acid. The agency said the company sometimes failed to do periodic medical checks of employees or to provide workers advanced training on potential hazards. The OSHA proposed fines totaling \$57,000 for nine violations.

Source: <http://muscatinejournal.com/news/state-and-regional/illinois/agency-cites->

[urbana-plant-for-alleged-violations/article\\_38cd5b13-2bb9-5bdf-8eca-0ad62180403e.html](http://www.kvue.com/news/state/UT-halts-high-velocity-research-at-damaged-site-159181775.html)

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

9. *June 15, Associated Press* – (Texas) **UT halts high-velocity research at damaged site.** The University of Texas (UT) stopped high-velocity projectiles research at a lab in Leander, Texas, where an explosion left a passer-by hurt. A UT research official said June 14 the metal building is not structurally adequate for such experiments. A driver was injured by debris during an explosion June 12 that left holes in the leased building in Leander, about 20 miles northwest of Austin. The research official said a piece of a launcher broke off and was propelled by high-pressure hydrogen. He said UT will repair the structure, which it has used since 1990 when the area was less populated, for less high-impact experiments. The UT Institute for Advance Technology does research for the military.  
Source: <http://www.kvue.com/news/state/UT-halts-high-velocity-research-at-damaged-site-159181775.html>
  
10. *June 14, WAVY 10 Portsmouth* – (National) **Loss of oxygen incidents increase.** New documentation says F-22 Raptor pilots experience a loss of oxygen at a rate at least 10 times higher than aboard any other U.S. Air Force (USAF) aircraft, WAVY 10 Portsmouth reported June 14. According to the report, the USAF reported 26.43 hypoxia or hypoxia-like incidents among F-22 pilots per 100,000 flight hours through May 31. The new information, released to Congress by a U.S. Senator from Virginia and a U.S. Representative from Illinois also states that following a 2011 USAF aircraft survey, a “majority of F-22 pilots surveyed did not feel confident” with breathing systems. Due to these results, the USAF ordered installation of charcoal filters in September 2011. According to the Air Force, a study conducted by Boeing found the filter negatively impacted the F-22’s breathing system for pilots.  
Source: <http://www.wavy.com/dpp/military/loss-of-oxygen-incidents-increase>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

11. *June 15, Associated Press* – (Connecticut; Puerto Rico) **Puerto Rican sentenced in 1983 Conn. depot robbery.** A Puerto Rican nationalist pleaded guilty June 15 to his role in a 1983 armored car depot robbery of \$7 million in West Hartford, Connecticut, under an agreement with prosecutors that calls for a 5-year prison sentence. The suspect, who was captured by the FBI in 2011 in Puerto Rico, was one of the last two remaining fugitives in a record-setting robbery carried out by Los Macheteros, a militant group dedicated to independence for the U.S. Caribbean territory. The suspect acknowledged he was a member of the organizing committee that planned the heist and

arranged for the money to be sent to Mexico. He pleaded guilty to two charges from the original indictment — foreign transportation of stolen money and conspiracy to rob federally insured bank funds — as well as a new charge of illegal weapons possession related to an automatic pistol found in his home when he was arrested. The heist was the largest cash robbery in U.S. history at the time. Authorities said it was carried out by a Wells Fargo driver recruited by Los Macheteros, and members of the group helped smuggle the money out of the country. Prosecutors said they believe the money was used to finance bombings and attacks in Puerto Rico.

Source: [http://columbustelegram.com/news/national/feds-man-to-plead-guilty-in-conn-robbery/article\\_857f022f-1c5e-5308-86b2-baaf365b33e4.html](http://columbustelegram.com/news/national/feds-man-to-plead-guilty-in-conn-robbery/article_857f022f-1c5e-5308-86b2-baaf365b33e4.html)

12. *June 15, St. Louis Post-Dispatch* – (Missouri; National) **US Fidelis co-owner pleads guilty to fraud and stealing charges.** The former co-owner of what was once one of the nation's largest seller of auto service contracts pleaded guilty June 14 to fraud and stealing charges, admitting he ripped off customers and took millions from the company. The former vice president (VP) of Wentzville, Missouri-based US Fidelis appeared in the same court where in April his brother, the company's president, pleaded guilty to similar state charges. The Missouri attorney general said that under the plea agreement, a 13-count indictment a grand jury handed down in June 2011 was collapsed into three charges: insurance fraud, consumer fraud, and stealing by deceit. The brothers jointly owned National Auto Warranty Services, which sold vehicle repair coverage under extended service contracts nationwide. Its name was later changed to US Fidelis. The company collapsed in late 2009 amid allegations of widespread consumer fraud. Fidelis used deceptive and misleading marketing campaigns to fool customers into thinking they were talking to auto dealers or manufacturers. They made customers think the contracts were more comprehensive than they actually were. Fidelis staffers were also told to arbitrarily withhold 10 percent to 40 percent of customers' money, the plea said. The brothers took about \$100 million to fund their luxurious personal lifestyles. In May, a proposed liquidation plan was filed in bankruptcy court in St. Louis. It said former customers will split \$14.1 million, and creditors will get less than one-third of the \$12.4 million owed.

Source: [http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/us-fidelis-co-owner-pleads-guilty-to-fraud-and-stealing/article\\_4aa4094b-bd96-5244-82f2-57f0a1c00104.html](http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/us-fidelis-co-owner-pleads-guilty-to-fraud-and-stealing/article_4aa4094b-bd96-5244-82f2-57f0a1c00104.html)

13. *June 15, CNNMoney* – (New York; National) **Former Goldman Sachs director convicted of insider trading.** A former director at Goldman Sachs was found guilty of insider trading June 15 — the highest-profile conviction yet in a wave of federal cases focused on Wall Street misconduct. A federal jury in New York City, after just more than a day of deliberations, found the defendant guilty of four of six criminal counts. The case was part of a wave of insider trading probes over the past 2.5 years that have yielded 66 indictments and 60 convictions. The defendant, who also served as head of consulting firm McKinsey & Co. and a director at Procter and Gamble (P&G), was accused of passing inside information to an accomplice about Goldman and P&G. Prosecutors argued that in one instance in fall 2008, the defendant called his accomplice just 16 seconds after disconnecting from a conference call in which Goldman's board approved a crucial \$5 billion investment from Berkshire Hathaway. Minutes later, Galleon, where the accomplice worked, bought \$27 million worth of

Goldman stock. In a conversation the next morning that was recorded secretly by the FBI, the accomplice told an associate he had received a phone call ahead of the share purchase saying “something good might happen to Goldman.” When Goldman’s shares jumped later that day on news of the Berkshire Hathaway investment, Galleon sold them at a profit of \$840,000.

Source: <http://money.cnn.com/2012/06/15/news/companies/gupta-verdict/>

14. *June 14, Associated Press* – (New York; Pennsylvania; California) **\$50M in criminal check cashing schemes alleged.** The U.S. Department of Justice said June 14 that four check-cashing businesses on the east and west coasts were charged with engaging in money laundering schemes worth more than \$50 million. Under the Bank Secrecy Act, check cashers and other financial institutions must report any transaction of more than \$10,000 in currency to the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Indictments in the separate investigations allege the defendants filed false transaction reports or did not file them at all. Two indictments charging three people and two check-cashing businesses were returned in Los Angeles. Two indictments charging four people and two check-cashing businesses in Philadelphia and Flushing, New York, were returned in New York City. All seven defendants were arrested or surrendered June 14. For the past 6 years, one business in Los Angeles allegedly handled 800 transactions each in excess of \$10,000 and paid out more than \$20 million in cash without ever filing a report with Treasury. Businesses often convert proceeds of ill-gotten gains to cash by presenting checks to check cashers who will not ask for proof of a customer’s identity and will file false reports or not file reports at all.

Source: <http://online.wsj.com/article/APdc5e20cd5b32482eb41b2b5f707222d6.html>

15. *June 14, Las Vegas Sun* – (Nevada) **FBI seeks help in identifying bank-robbing ‘Weatherman Bandit’.** The FBI is seeking the public’s help in identifying the “Weatherman Bandit,” a man suspected in eight Las Vegas-area bank robberies, the Las Vegas Sun reported June 14. The man is suspected in a string of robberies in Henderson and Las Vegas dating to October 2010, according to the FBI. He is most recently suspected of robbing a Chase Bank in Henderson. The man earned the nickname the “Weatherman Bandit” because he always comments on the weather to the teller during the robberies, the FBI said. The man has never shown a weapon during the robberies.

Source: <http://www.lasvegassun.com/news/2012/jun/14/fbi-seeks-help-identifying-bank-robbing-weatherman/>

16. *June 14, Network World* – (National) **Banks: Hackers more aggressive in attacking customer accounts.** A survey of large financial institutions shows they faced more attacks by hackers to take over customer banking accounts in 2011 than in the 2009 and 2010, and about one-third of these attacks succeeded, Network World reported June 14. The total number of attacks to try and break in and transfer money out of hacked accounts was up to 314 during 2011, according to the Financial Services Information Sharing and Analysis Center (FS-ISAC), which released findings of its survey of 95 financial institutions and 5 service providers. That number marks an increase from 87 attacks against bank accounts in 2009 and 239 in 2010. The survey was conducted by the American Bankers Association. The actual dollar losses taken by the financial

institutions last year was \$777,064, down from a high of \$3.12 million in 2010. Dollar loss for customers was \$489,672 in 2011, as compared with \$1.16 million in 2010.

Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9228139/Banks\\_Hackers\\_more\\_aggressive\\_in\\_attacking\\_customer\\_accounts](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9228139/Banks_Hackers_more_aggressive_in_attacking_customer_accounts)

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## **Transportation Sector**

17. *June 15, Associated Press* – (California) **Report: Fire near BART station may be suspicious.** Authorities were trying to determine whether a fire near a Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) station that shut down train service between San Francisco and Oakland, California, June 14 was intentionally set. Investigators were looking for three young men seen moments before the fire began at a low-income senior building under construction. A security guard watching the site was apparently chased off by the men. The blaze damaged BART's electrical equipment and hampered train service for more than 13 hours. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives was called in to help with the investigation. BART was running on a normal schedule by June 15. Source: <http://www.ktvn.com/story/18796584/report-fire-near-bart-station-may-be-suspicious>
18. *June 15, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Chemical leak at Moses Lake silicon plant prompts road closures.** The Grant County Sheriff's Office said a chemical leak at a Moses Lake, Washington silicon plant June 15 closed roads for many hours and forced a shelter-in-place for area businesses. People who work near the REC Silicon Inc. plant where the leak occurred were told to stay indoors and close doors and windows. A sheriff's office spokesman said officials were trying to determine what was in the chemical plume that escaped from the plant. The plume briefly forced the closure of Interstate 90. Source: <http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/bd53de51d5824640be9e617417de9da6/WA--Chemical-Leak>
19. *June 14, Carlisle Sentinel* – (Pennsylvania) **Speed a factor in Hampden Township tractor-trailer crash.** A June 14 crash in Hampden Township, Pennsylvania, left half of a trailer dangling from the ramp over the Route 581 on-ramp to I-81 south, which was closed while crews handled the tractor-trailer. The speed of the crash was enough to split part of the trailer in half, shearing it enough to spill 4-foot bundles of "spindles" onto the ground below. State police had a pretty good idea of how the crash was caused, but spent most of the day cleaning up spindles which closed the off-ramp for most of the day. Source: [http://cumberlink.com/news/local/speed-a-factor-in-hampden-township-tractor-trailer-crash-with/article\\_d626c562-b637-11e1-a39c-001a4bcf887a.html](http://cumberlink.com/news/local/speed-a-factor-in-hampden-township-tractor-trailer-crash-with/article_d626c562-b637-11e1-a39c-001a4bcf887a.html)
20. *June 14, KTVZ 21 Bend* – (Oregon) **Bend man cited for explosive device at airport.** A man was taken into custody June 14 at Redmond Municipal Airport in

Redmond, Oregon, and cited for trying to board a plane with an explosive device. But officers said it did not appear the man “had any intent on causing harm or disruption to travel.” Police responded to help Transportation Security Administration screeners with a possible explosive device in the screening area. With the assistance of Oregon State Police and FBI explosives specialists, Redmond police determined the would-be passenger was in possession of an explosive without a license, a lieutenant said. He was cited and released on a single misdemeanor charge of possession of an explosive without a license or permit.

Source: <http://www.ktvz.com/news/31192396/detail.html>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

21. *June 14, Wall Street Journal* – (International) **Walmart faces new food-safety complaints in China.** Walmart Stores faces new accusations of food-safety violations in China. Beijing’s food safety administration said June 14 it accused Walmart of violating food-safety standards in March by selling sesame oil exceeding standard amounts of benzopyrene and squid containing hazardous levels of cadmium. The agency’s Web site said the sesame oil and squid were produced by domestic companies. Both chemicals are hazardous to human consumption and can cause cancer, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. The accusation came during China’s food-safety week, an annual national campaign. Walmart also faces problems in China’s southwestern city of Dazhou, where the city’s animal-husbandry department said the week of June 11 that regulators in January found pork ribs sourced from diseased pigs at a local Walmart.

Source: <http://www.myfoxphilly.com/story/18789874/walmart-faces-new-food-safety-complaints-in-china>

22. *June 14, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Washington) **Two Seattle-based seafood processors settle federal clean air violations for improper import and handling of ozone-depleting refrigerants.** Seattle-based American Seafoods Company LLC and Pacific Longline Company LLC agreed to phase out the use of ozone depleting refrigerants, implement a comprehensive leak detection and repair program aboard many vessels, and pay a penalty to resolve federal Clean Air Act violations, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency reported June 14. American Seafoods is one of the country’s largest seafood harvesters and at-sea processors of pollock, hake, cod, scallops, and yellowfin sole. The company sells its products in the United States, Asia, and Europe. Between 2006 and 2009, American Seafoods

Company and Pacific Longline Company used R-22 as a refrigerant in industrial refrigeration units aboard seafood catcher-processor vessels. American Seafoods illegally imported 70,000 kilograms of R-22 refrigerant to the United States without holding valid allowances. The United States limits the amount of R-22 that companies are permitted to import through set allowances. In addition to a \$700,000 penalty, the companies will spend about \$9-\$15 million to convert refrigeration systems on several vessels to operate using non-ozone depleting refrigerants. The companies have also purchased and retired R-22 allowances to offset the harm caused by their illegal importation.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/ADEDF121350942FA85257A1D006FFEA9>

23. *June 14, WJLA 7 Arlington* – (Virginia) **Mt. Jackson barn fire kills 17,000 birds.** A poultry barn fire in rural Shenandoah County, Virginia, June 13 killed 17,000 birds that were housed inside, officials said. Shenandoah County Fire officials said the fire broke out in a barn in Mount Jackson. The rural location of the barn and the fire forced firefighters to shuttle more than 20,000 gallons of water to the scene from a nearby farm pond. Officials said the barn contained as many as 17,000 birds, all of which perished in the fire. Units from seven different fire agencies responded.

Source: <http://www.wjla.com/articles/2012/06/mt-jackson-barn-fire-kills-17-000-birds-76964.html>

24. *June 14, Food Safety News* – (National; International) **Salmonella outbreak linked to dog food has sickened 22 in 13 states.** Twenty two people in 13 States have been infected with Salmonella Infantis linked to contaminated dog food, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Food Safety News reported June 14. Multiple brands of dry dog food produced by Diamond Pet Foods at a South Carolina facility were linked to some of the Salmonella infections, which would likely have been acquired via cross contamination from feeding a pet or from contact with a sick pet. The five new cases are from: Alabama (1), California (1), Illinois (1), New York (1), and South Carolina (1). Two others were reported in Canada. Of the cases CDC has detailed information about, illnesses began between October 2011 and May 11. In response to the outbreak, the FDA recalled various types of dog food — and expanded the recall several times.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/06/salmonella-outbreak-linked-to-dog-food-has-sickened-22-in-13-states/>

25. *June 14, Associated Press* – (National) **FDA urges removal of SKorean shellfish from market because of possible norovirus contamination.** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is urging food distributors, retailers, and food service vendors to remove all shellfish imported from South Korea from the market because of possible contamination with human waste and norovirus, the Associated Press reported June 14. The decision follows an FDA evaluation that determined the Korean Shellfish Sanitation program no longer meets adequate sanitation controls. The federal agency is in ongoing discussions with South Korean authorities to resolve the issue. An FDA spokesman said June 14 the decision to call for the removal of the mollusks from the

market began with norovirus outbreaks in November and December 2011.

Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/fda-urges-removal-of-skorean-shellfish-from-market-because-of-possible-norovirus-contamination/2012/06/14/gJQAjMTVdV\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/fda-urges-removal-of-skorean-shellfish-from-market-because-of-possible-norovirus-contamination/2012/06/14/gJQAjMTVdV_story.html)

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## **Water Sector**

26. *June 15, Atlanta Journal-Constitution* – (Georgia) **City crews still working to repair water main break in Adamsville community.** Crews were still working June 14 to repair a water main break in the Adamsville community of Atlanta, WSB 2 Atlanta reported. The 20-inch pipe began leaking June 13 on Delmar Lane, flooding much of the neighborhood. Water was reportedly up to the top of the tires on vehicles in the area and left about 40 homes without water. After crews finished repairs, they found additional damage. Crews expected to have the problem fixed and the road reopened June 15.

Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/atlanta/city-crews-still-working-1457835.html>

27. *June 15, KMGH 7 Denver* – (Colorado) **Boil water order issued for Idaho Springs.** Idaho Springs, Colorado, was placed under a boil order after the water treatment plant shut off June 13 and the alarm system malfunctioned, according to the city's Web site. Officials said a loss of water pressure can lead to bacteriological contamination. Potable water for drinking and/or cooking was made available to any water customer at the town's city hall and at eight other locations with 250-gallon tanks. The system was back to full capacity June 15, but the order would be lifted only after favorable test results are reported to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

Source: <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/31194451/detail.html>

28. *June 15, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **Oxford issues boil order.** Oxford, Iowa officials issued a boil order June 15 because the water tower was being drained, cleaned, and repaired. A boil order is required whenever the tower is drained and refilled, lest the loss of pressure allow contamination. The order was slated to remain in effect until June 18.

Source: <http://www.kcrg.com/news/local/Oxford-Issues-Boil-Order-159171825.html>

29. *June 14, Times of Northwest Indiana* – (Indiana) **Valpo water plant sprang a leak during holiday.** Valparaiso, Indiana's Flint Lake water treatment plant sprang a leak May 27, spraying for about 3 hours inside the plant, some of it falling on a control panel, the water treatment leader told Valparaiso's Utilities Board, June 12. After having trouble finding a repair man, the city had to bring in a welder from South Bend. The system running again within 5 hours. The leak was in a section of welded steel pipe that was about 19 years old, 3 inches of the seam of the pipe corroded away. The city has about 3 million gallons of water stored at Flint Lake's tanks and in the city's 2

elevated tanks, and estimated that would have been enough to supply the city for 2 days if the leak was not repaired. Estimates for installing a semi-permanent repair to the leak site along with estimates for replacing the welded steel pipe should be ready for the board's June 26 meeting, the water treatment leader said.

Source: [http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/porter/valparaiso/valpo-water-plant-sprang-a-leak-during-holiday/article\\_6fcec8af-76a6-5ed0-9176-62657de82b83.html](http://www.nwitimes.com/news/local/porter/valparaiso/valpo-water-plant-sprang-a-leak-during-holiday/article_6fcec8af-76a6-5ed0-9176-62657de82b83.html)

30. *June 13, Mobile Press-Register* – (Alabama) **Sewage spill in Loxley prompts health warning.** A sewage overflow at the Loxley, Alabama treatment plant prompted a health warning from the Baldwin County Health Department, a spokesman said. About 200,000 gallons spilled from the plant's contact chamber during the weekend of June 8's heavy rains, causing treated effluent to flow into a drainage ditch that leads to Corn Branch, officials said. Officials said caution is required when using Corn Branch and surrounding areas, and seafood or fish from the waters should be thoroughly cooked. Source: [http://blog.al.com/live/2012/06/sewage\\_spill\\_in\\_loxley\\_prompts.html](http://blog.al.com/live/2012/06/sewage_spill_in_loxley_prompts.html)

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

31. *June 15, Manchester Union Leader* – (New Hampshire) **AG joins probe of hepatitis outbreak at Exeter Hospital.** The state attorney general's office is investigating the hepatitis C outbreak at Exeter Hospital in Exeter, New Hampshire, after State health officials determined a hospital worker is likely to blame for infecting at least 20 patients, the Manchester Union Leader reported June 15. Prosecutors were working with State police and the Exeter Police Department, "to determine what, if any, criminal laws have been violated," the attorney general said in a statement. The outbreak — linked to an employee who used syringes to inject drugs — has set off what is expected to be a flurry of civil litigation. The president and CEO of Exeter Health Resources apologized to patients during an interview with WMUR 9 Manchester June 14 and pledged that if the hospital is responsible for the outbreak, "we will be responsible for that cost." State health officials have tested hundreds of samples to determine the scope of the outbreak — of the 731 samples tested as of June 13, 629 were determined to be negative. State health officials are working with the Centers for Disease Control in their investigation. Source: [http://www.unionleader.com/article/20120615/NEWS07/706149891&template=mobile\\_art](http://www.unionleader.com/article/20120615/NEWS07/706149891&template=mobile_art)
32. *June 15, MSNBC* – (New York) **Police say they found body of fugitive surgeon suspected of murder.** June 15, authorities found the body of the Buffalo, New York trauma surgeon suspected of murdering his ex-girlfriend inside the Erie County Medical Center, WGRZ 2 Buffalo reported. He was killed by an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound. The body was found in the woods along a creek behind his home in Lake View, New York. One of his neighbors had told police June 14 that he heard a gunshot in the area June 13. Police launched a nationwide manhunt for the doctor after the death of a hospital administrative assistant, who was found shot to

death in a stairwell at the medical center June 13.

Source: <http://usnews.msnbc.msn.com/news/2012/06/15/12239087-police-say-they-found-body-of-fugitive-surgeon-suspected-of-murder?lite>

33. *June 14, KENS 5 San Antonio* – (Texas) **After years of vulnerability, Metro Health will finally test for food-borne illnesses.** June 14, the San Antonio city council approved \$56,000 in grant money to purchase a microbial identification system, putting the San Antonio Metro Health Department one step closer to finally have the equipment to effectively track deadly food-borne bacteria. The metro health lab manager said the city has been vulnerable to potentially deadly food-borne illnesses ever since 2008, when the city's food testing equipment needed replacement. In 2010, when patients at a San Antonio hospital started coming down with Listeriosis, the city had to call in the State and the Centers for Disease Control. The lab manager said if the city had the equipment to run the tests right away, his lab technicians would have likely been able to trace the deadly bacteria to the celery at a south-side food processing plant faster; that ability might have saved the lives of some of the five people who died in the outbreak.

Source: <http://www.kens5.com/news/health/After-four-years-of-vulnerability-SA-Metro-Health-will-finally-ability-to-test-for-food-borne-illnesses--159131165.html>

34. *June 14, Inland Empire News Radio* – (California) **Arsonists attack dental offices.** Arsonists set fire to four dental offices in Fontana, California, since March; the latest fire resulted in \$1 million damage to Western Dental June 14. The fire appeared to have started inside the dental office. Fire department spokeswoman said 26 firefighters responded and it took about a half-hour to extinguish the fire.

Source: <http://www.inlandnewstoday.com/story.php?s=24496>

35. *June 14, New York Times* – (National) **F.D.A. investigates fresenius for failure to warn of risk.** The New York Times reported June 14 the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is investigating whether the nation's largest operator of dialysis centers violated federal regulations by failing to inform customers of a potentially lethal risk connected to one of its products. The German-based company, Fresenius Medical Care, treats more than a third of the estimated 400,000 Americans receiving dialysis. It also is the leading supplier of dialysis machines and disposable products, which are used by many clinics in addition to its own. In November 2011, Fresenius's medical office sent an internal memo to doctors in the company's dialysis centers, warning them that failure to properly use one of the company's products appeared to be contributing to a sharp increase in the risk of patients dying suddenly from cardiac arrest. However, Fresenius did not immediately warn other centers that use the product, which is known as GranuFlo. It did so only in late March after the FDA received, anonymously, a copy of the internal memo and asked the company about it. The chief medical officer for Fresenius in North America said his office, which wrote the memo, was in charge of the company's own centers and had no way of communicating with noncompany clinics except through papers in medical journals. He said the findings of the internal memo were too preliminary to warrant a publication. After Fresenius notified its customers in late March, the FDA issued an alert in late May that applied to all products such as GranuFlo.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2012/06/15/health/fda-investigates-fresenius-for-failure-to-warn-of-risk.html>

36. *June 14, Threatpost* – (National; California) **Software update site for hospital respirators found riddled with malware.** A Web site used to distribute software updates for a wide range of medical equipment has been blocked by Google after it was found to be riddled with malware and serving up attacks, Threatpost reported June 14. The site belongs to San Diego-based CareFusion Inc., a hospital equipment supplier. The infected Web sites, which use many different domains, distribute firmware updates for a range of ventilators and respiratory products. Scans by Google’s Safe Browsing program in May and June found the sites were rife with malware. About 6 percent of the 347 Web pages hosted at Viasyshealthcare(dot)com, a CareFusion Web site used to distribute software updates for the company’s AVEA brand ventilators, were found to be infected and pushing malicious software to visitors’ systems. The software downloaded from Viasyshealthcare(dot)com included 48 Trojan horse programs and 2 scripting exploits, according to a review of the Google Safe Browsing report by Threatpost. Another domain, sensormedics(dot)com, which supports CareFusion’s VELA brand ventilators, was also found to be serving “content that resulted in malicious software being downloaded and installed without user consent,” according to a June 13 scan by Google’s Safe Browsing crawler. CareFusion removed links to the infected Web sites hosting software updates for the respirators from its Product Support page. However, the company still offered links for parts and supplies for CareFusion’s 3100A High Frequency Oscillatory Ventilator and LTV series ventilators that were likewise infected, according to Google.

Source: [http://threatpost.com/en\\_us/blogs/software-update-site-hospital-respirators-found-riddled-malware-061412](http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/software-update-site-hospital-respirators-found-riddled-malware-061412)

37. *June 14, Akron Beacon Journal* – (Ohio) **Fire in substation disrupts power to Akron City Hospital.** A fire June 14 in a substation in one of the parking lots at Summa’s Akron City Hospital in Akron, Ohio, knocked out power and left three people stranded in elevators. When the power was disrupted, the hospital’s emergency generators kicked in restoring electricity to the hospital. Akron fire crews were called to the scene to assist Ohio Edison workers in extinguishing the fire that sent a large column of black smoke over the city’s skyline. Firefighters were able to quickly extinguish the fire. As a precaution the hospital diverted incoming patients to other hospitals while crews worked through the evening to make repairs to the electrical substation, Summa’s public relations director said.

Source: <http://www.ohio.com/news/break-news/fire-in-substation-disrupts-power-to-akron-city-hospital-1.314150>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

38. *June 15, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Bomb squad detonates chemical at Pa. Ag. Dept. lab.** June 14, a bomb squad removed an explosive chemical from a Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture building in Harrisburg after it was found in a

laboratory. State police said an employee working in the lab found the chemical. Officials said the water that keeps the chemical stable had evaporated, making the substance dangerous. The chemical, picric acid, used to test plants, can become explosive when crystalized. The building was evacuated and the bomb squad detonated the chemical in a nearby field.

Source: <http://www.wfmj.com/story/18796436/bomb-squad-detonates-chemical-at-pa-ag-dept-lab>

39. *June 15, IDG News Service* – (National) **What’s the price for secret access to U.S. Gov’t supercomputers? \$50,000.** Authorities arrested a man, of Devon, Pennsylvania, June 14 on charges he tried to sell secret access to two U.S. government supercomputers for \$50,000 to an undercover FBI agent. The supercomputers belong to the National Energy Research Scientific Computing Center (NERSC). The indictment said that he and an as-of-yet unindicted co-conspirator nicknamed “Intel” chatted online with an undercover FBI agent April 16, 2011. The two were part of a hacking group known as the “Underground Intelligence Agency.” The defendant is alleged to have said he and his partner had access to half of the top 500 supercomputers, possessing some “root” access and other access credentials, mostly on “.gov” and “.edu” domains. In July, he “offered to sell” to the undercover FBI agent log-in credentials to nersc.gov for \$50,000, the indictment said. He is also accused of installing backdoors and obtaining log-in credentials for other groups including RNKTel.com, a service provider in Massachusetts, and the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. He is charged in federal court in Massachusetts with conspiracy, two counts of computer fraud, and access device fraud.

Source:

[http://www.pcworld.com/businesscenter/article/257703/whats\\_the\\_price\\_for\\_secret\\_access\\_to\\_us\\_govt\\_supercomputers\\_50000.html](http://www.pcworld.com/businesscenter/article/257703/whats_the_price_for_secret_access_to_us_govt_supercomputers_50000.html)

40. *June 14, Elyria Chronicle-Telegram* – (Ohio) **Deputies say man tried to carry gun into courthouse.** For the second time in 3 months, a person is suspected of trying to bring a pistol into the Lorain County Justice Center in Elyria, Ohio. The man was arrested June 12 after deputies at the center said he tried to bring a .25-caliber semiautomatic pistol into the center in a briefcase. The pistol was detected by an X-ray machine, according to a deputy’s report. The man said he was going to the prosecutor’s office to discuss car fraud titles. The man does not have a permit to carry concealed weapons, the report said. He was charged with illegal conveyance of a deadly weapon and carrying a concealed weapon.

Source: <http://chronicle.northcoastnow.com/2012/06/14/deputies-say-man-tried-to-carry-gun-into-courthouse/>

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## Emergency Services Sector

41. *June 15, Associated Press* – (Hawaii; Nebraska) **8 Hawaii emergency sirens cause false alarm when inadvertently activated remotely in Nebraska.** Eight outdoor civil defense sirens inadvertently activated from Lincoln, Nebraska, went off for about 20 minutes across Oahu, Hawaii, June 14, forcing emergency management officials to quickly spread the word there was no emergency. It was later determined the sirens were inadvertently activated remotely by an engineer in Lincoln doing work for the company contracted to upgrade Hawaii’s siren system, a State civil defense spokeswoman said June 15. The sirens from Moanalua Valley to Waimanalo sparked numerous calls to police and civil defense. Officials quickly used radio, television, text messages, and social media to inform people it was a false alarm. Hawaii had asked the contractor to conduct some bandwidth checks, but, after doing so, Hawaii’s siren protocols were not removed from the system, allowing them to be activated while the Nebraska engineer was testing a different system.  
Source:  
<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/ecf67923cf024da694e59f1a7990389d/HI--Emergency-Siren-Malfunction>
42. *June 15, WSAZ 3 Charleston* – (Kentucky) **Equipment stolen from volunteer fire department.** The Phelps Volunteer Fire Chief said their sub-station in Majestic, Kentucky, was broken into twice in May, WSAZ 3 Charleston reported June 15. In the first incident the thieves took three ladders, and in the second incident a tool called the ‘jaws of life,’ which is used to help people out of car wrecks, was stolen. The chief said it will cost the department about \$15,000 to replace the stolen equipment. He said the ‘jaws of life’ tool had just been refurbished and was stolen only a few days after they got it back. The substation was shut down for a few days after the most recent theft, but it is now back in regular operation.  
Source:  
[http://www.wsaz.com/news/headlines/Fire\\_Department\\_Thefts\\_159151905.html](http://www.wsaz.com/news/headlines/Fire_Department_Thefts_159151905.html)
43. *June 15, KBTX 3 Bryan-College Station* – (Texas) **Local emergency communication system goes down.** The emergency communications system went down for all of Brazos County, Texas, June 14; crews had to resort to backup equipment. Police and fire departments in Bryan-College Station along with the Brazos County Sheriff’s Office were affected. A spokesman with the county emergency communications district said the problem originated about 100 miles away. Officials said a fiber optic cable that connects Brazos County to the primary hub in Harris County was accidentally unplugged. Local emergency departments said their backup system also failed. “When we were moving over to our backup system, we discovered then that we had the same issue on our backup system, so we needed to move over to a set of backup channels. That resolved our problems.” said the spokesman. However, those channels limited agency communication to within Brazos County. All local emergency departments were operational on the normal Brazos County emergency radio system as of June 15.  
Source:  
[http://www.kbtx.com/news/headlines/Local\\_Emergency\\_Communication\\_System\\_Goes\\_Down\\_159139835.html?ref=835](http://www.kbtx.com/news/headlines/Local_Emergency_Communication_System_Goes_Down_159139835.html?ref=835)

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## **Information Technology Sector**

44. *June 15, H Security* – (International) **PHP 5.4.4 and 5.3.14 releases fix security vulnerabilities.** The PHP developers released updates to both the 5.4 and 5.3 branches of the language. The updates fix 2 security vulnerabilities and more than 30 other bugs. A vulnerability in the DES implementation of the language's crypt() function was patched along with a heap overflow in PHP's phar extension.  
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/PHP-5-4-4-and-5-3-14-releases-fix-security-vulnerabilities-1618852.html>
45. *June 15, H Security* – (International) **Oracle warns EBS users of auto-update to Java 7.** In an urgent bulletin, Oracle advised its E-Business Suite (EBS) customers to immediately disable the automatic software update feature. The company said the auto-update mechanism is distributing version 7 of Java (JRE 7), which has not been certified for use with the suite of business applications and can cause problems. Instead, administrators are advised to manually update all client machines to the latest version 6 release "on an ongoing basis." For systems already inadvertently upgraded to Java 7, users were advised to uninstall it and reinstall the current Java 6 release. After November 2012, Oracle will no longer be publicly releasing updates for Java 6; the company said it is currently working to certify EBS with Java 7 but did not give a date for when this process will be completed.  
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Oracle-warns-EBS-users-of-auto-update-to-Java-7-1618753.html>
46. *June 15, H Security* – (International) **VMware closes holes in its virtualization products.** Visualization specialist VMware warned customers of two security problems in its visualization solutions. The firm said the vulnerabilities affect VMware Workstation, Player, Fusion, ESXi, and ESX. The first of these holes (CVE-2012-3288) is a memory corruption issue when loading Checkpoint files. To be exploited, an attacker must already be able to load a specially crafted Checkpoint in a virtual machine (VM) in order to execute arbitrary code on a host. The other issue (CVE-2012-3289) is a remote denial-of-service vulnerability caused by manipulated traffic from a remote virtual device.  
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/VMware-closes-holes-in-its-virtualisation-products-1619385.html>
47. *June 15, H Security* – (International) **Firefox 13 tripped up by Flash patch.** The latest release of the Flash Player plugin, version 11.3, is causing frequent crashes in Firefox 13 on Windows. The problem appears to be related to the recently introduced Protection Mode, which is supposed to make the plugin run in a sandbox to isolate it from the rest of the system. The number of users experiencing this problem is now so large that Mozilla and Adobe are both offering differing solutions for a fix.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Firefox-13-tripped-up-by-Flash-patch-1619399.html>

48. *June 14, Threatpost* – (International) **Honeynet Project launches ‘Ghost’ to snare USB malware.** The Honeynet Project launched a new project June 14 designed to snare malware that spreads by infecting removable universal serial bus (USB) storage drives, citing the increased reliance of malicious programs on portable drives to move from computer to computer. The ghost-usb-honeypot project stems from research conducted by a student at Bonn University in Germany. He first presented the results of work he and others conducted at the University of Bonn’s Institute of Computer Science at a Honeynet Project conference in San Francisco in March. He said propagation via USB drives is increasingly common, as malware authors look for ways to breach machines or networks that are “air-gapped,” or not accessible from other networks.

Source: [http://threatpost.com/en\\_us/blogs/honeynet-project-launches-ghost-snare-usb-malware-061412](http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/honeynet-project-launches-ghost-snare-usb-malware-061412)

49. *June 14, Threatpost* – (International) **Microsoft issues FixIt for XML flaw.** With attackers exploiting the MSXML zero-day vulnerability, which affects a wide range of products, Microsoft issued a FixIt tool for the bug that it is encouraging users to install as the company prepares a full patch for the flaw. The vulnerability is critical, and because it is present in so many of Microsoft’s products, it is a prime target for attackers. Microsoft warned users about the bug June 12, the same day the company issued its monthly batch of patches. At that time, Microsoft did not have a fix ready for the XML flaw. The bug can be exploited remotely, and attackers have already been exploiting it.

Source: [http://threatpost.com/en\\_us/blogs/microsoft-issues-fixit-xml-flaw-061412](http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/microsoft-issues-fixit-xml-flaw-061412)

50. *June 14, Infosecurity* – (International) **Adobe issues hotfix for ColdFusion flaw.** Adobe released a security hotfix for Web application development platform ColdFusion 9.0.1 and earlier versions for Windows, Mac, and Unix. The hotfix resolves an HTTP response splitting vulnerability in the ColdFusion component browser. The vulnerability “could add or modify additional headers, which might cause unexpected behavior,” Adobe explained in its security update. Adobe classified the vulnerability as “important” and gave it a priority rating of 2.

Source: <http://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/view/26351/>

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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

51. *June 15, Galveston Daily News* – (Texas) **AT&T customers lose phone service.** AT&T customers throughout the greater Houston area were left without phone service for nearly 2 hours June 13, a company spokeswoman said. Details of what caused the outage were not immediately available. Customers from Galveston to League City and in Brazoria County were affected. A company spokeswoman said June 14 that phone service had been fully restored. Service to some customers in the Galveston area was restored shortly after 12 a.m. June 14.  
Source: <http://galvestondailynews.com/story/321910>
  
52. *June 14, The Jamestown Sun* – (North Dakota) **Severed data line repaired after cut stymies communication in Jamestown area.** A severed data line east of Jamestown, North Dakota, caused communication problems for the Jamestown area June 14. A Century Link fiber line was cut late in the morning, about 10 miles west of Valley City causing landline telephone problems in the region, according to a marketing manager with Dakota Central Telecommunications. A spokeswoman for Century Link said the cable was completely repaired within 7 hours. She said the cable was cut by a construction crew, and that customers in Jamestown and Valley City were affected. The severed line made it so many Jamestown-area residents could not make calls from landline phones, while calls between cellphones were still able to connect. This meant local residents could not call 9-1-1 from a landline. The assistant Stutsman County emergency manager and 9-1-1 coordinator said 9-1-1 calls from cellphones were immediately rerouted to State Radio in Bismarck and landline 9-1-1 calls were answered in Jamestown by using other seven-digit emergency lines that were dispersed to the public.  
Source: <http://www.jamestownsun.com/event/article/id/163023/>
  
53. *June 14, WJBD 1350 AM/101.1 FM Salem* – (Illinois) **Repairs underway after Charter customers lose services.** Repairs were underway in the Salem, Illinois-area after Charter customers lost services June 14. Road crews were working on Illinois Highway 15 in Mt. Vernon when they inadvertently damaged the fiber optic line and cut it. The network outage impacted Charter television, Internet, and phone services. Charter crews were working to restore services. There was no estimated time of repair, or the number of customers impacted. However the outage was impacting customers in Mt. Vernon and Salem.  
Source: [http://www.wjbdradio.com/index.php?f=news\\_single&id=34097](http://www.wjbdradio.com/index.php?f=news_single&id=34097)

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## Commercial Facilities Sector

54. *June 15, KCNC 4 Denver* – (Colorado) **High Park Fire affects 2 different youth camps.** The High Park Fire burning in Larimer County, Colorado, has now affected two different youth camps, KCNC 4 Denver reported June 15. When new evacuations

were ordered in the Glacier View subdivision, the Ben Delatour Boy Scout Camp was included. The managers of the camp, run by the Longs Peak Council, said they will be closed to all activities through the week of June 18. They said they will notify everyone by June 20 about whether activities will resume the week of June 24. Camp leaders said early June 15 the fire was 5 to 10 miles southeast of the Ben Delatour Scout Ranch. Buckhorn Camp also called off all of their youth camps this summer. The camp, operated by Rocky Mountain Conference of the United Methodist Church, is in the burn area. So far it was unknown if any of the buildings on the 320-acre facility burned. Source: <http://denver.cbslocal.com/2012/06/15/high-park-fire-affects-2-different-youth-camps/>

55. *June 15, San Jose Mercury News* – (California) **San Jose apartment complex evacuated after van strikes gas meter, causing leak.** A driver who crashed into a Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) gas meter at a San Jose, California apartment complex caused a leak and forced the evacuation of about 70 residents for about 3 hours June 15. After striking the gas meter, the van backed up and collided with another structure. The van broke through the wall and left a hole. The vehicle sheared off several gas meters servicing the complex, causing a leak, a PG&E spokesman said. As the meters were sheared off, a PG&E crew had to dig to the gas line supplying to complex and shut the gas off there. Residents were later allowed to return to their homes, however the complex may not have gas service for some time. Source: [http://www.contracostatimes.com/bay-area-news/ci\\_20864943/san-jose-apartment-complex-evacuated-after-car-collision](http://www.contracostatimes.com/bay-area-news/ci_20864943/san-jose-apartment-complex-evacuated-after-car-collision)
56. *June 15, KPIX 5 San Francisco; Bay City News Service* – (California) **2 arrested in deadly Livermore apartment explosion.** Two people critically injured in a Livermore, California apartment explosion in 2011 were arrested June 14 on suspicion of causing the explosion that killed the third person in the apartment, police said. A man and a woman were both hospitalized with severe burns after the May 21, 2011 explosion. Another man in the apartment was also severely burned and died at the hospital several days later. The explosion caused a fire that left the five-unit building temporarily uninhabitable and caused \$350,000 in damage. Police said their 13-month investigation indicated the three individuals were manufacturing hashish oil in the apartment using highly flammable liquid butane to extract the oil. The gas pooled on the floor during the manufacturing process, eventually leading to the explosion. Source: <http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2012/06/15/2-arrested-in-deadly-livermore-apartment-explosion/>
57. *June 14, Quincy Herald-Whig* – (Illinois) **Four-alarm fire guts historic Sprout's Restaurant in Quincy; owner vows to rebuild.** A four-alarm fire June 14 claimed the Sprout's Inn restaurant in Quincy, Illinois. Firefighters were called to the restaurant and found smoke visible from the attic area on the east end of the building. Firefighters entered and started removing walls to fight the blaze. Crews were pulled out due to the intense black smoke and heavy fire, then "went into a different part of the building with six men, pulling ceiling to get into the attic area," the Quincy fire chief said. "The problem they ran into was the building had been remodeled several times. They'd get through one ceiling" and find another one. Crews evacuated the building a second time

when fire broke through the roof, and a fourth alarm was sounded which brought all on-duty personnel to the scene.

Source: <http://www.whig.com/story/18785376/four-alarm-fire-guts-historic-sprouts-restaurant-in-quincy>

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

58. *June 15, Associated Press* – (California) **Rock risk forces Yosemite closures.** The National Park Service announced June 14 that potential danger from the unstable 3,000-foot-tall Glacier Point in California’s Yosemite National Park will leave some popular lodging areas permanently uninhabitable. “There are no absolutely safe areas in Yosemite Valley,” said the park’s first staff geologist and the primary author of a new study that assesses the potential risk to people from falling rocks in the steep-sided valley. The move to close parts of historic Curry Village, a camp of canvas and wooden cabins, comes 4 years after boulders hit 17 cabins, flattened 1, and sent schoolchildren scrambling for their lives. The park fenced off 233 of the 600 cabins in the village. Rock falls in and around the village have killed two people and injured two dozen others since 1996. In 2011, 53 rock falls occurred, including a 6-ton boulder that fell from the Yosemite Falls Trail onto an amphitheater.

Source: <http://www.ajc.com/travel/apnewsbreak-rock-risk-forces-1457806.html>

59. *June 15, Loveland Reporter-Herald* – (Colorado) **High Park fire Friday morning update: Spot fire forces more evacuations in Glacier View overnight.** The High Park fire in Larimer County, Colorado, forced more evacuations in the southern part of Glacier View Meadows overnight, as renewed activity pushed the wildfire north of Colorado 14 early June 15. The wildfire acreage stood at 52,068, with 15 percent containment. The Larimer County Sheriff’s Office said it evacuated the 9th, 10th and 11th filings of Glacier View Meadows June 15 because of a spot fire of 30 to 50 acres that flared up north of the Poudre River June 14. Those evacuations followed the evacuation of Glacier View Meadows 12th filing June 14. A total of 48 homes were destroyed by the fire.

Source: [http://www.reporterherald.com/news/larimer-county/ci\\_20865268/high-park-fire-friday-morning-update-spot-fire](http://www.reporterherald.com/news/larimer-county/ci_20865268/high-park-fire-friday-morning-update-spot-fire)

60. *June 15, KMGH 7 Denver* – (Colorado) **Park County’s Arkansas fire 50 percent contained.** A wildfire burning in Park County, Colorado, was 50 percent contained as of June 15, and fire officials hoped to have the fire 100 percent contained within the day. The fire was sparked by lightning June 13, according to a Pike National Forest spokeswoman. The fire burned 30 acres on Colorado State land and the Pike National Forest, 2 miles west of Lake George and 1 mile south of Highway 24. Approximately 100 firefighters and two helicopters were set to secure fire lines and mop up hotspots June 15. About 20 evacuees were allowed to return to their homes June 14.

Source: <http://www.thedenverchannel.com/news/31194903/detail.html>

61. *June 14, Associated Press* – (National) **US wildfires fuel urgency for forest restoration.** As firefighters battle blazes in New Mexico and Colorado that have forced evacuations and destroyed hundreds of structures, the U.S. Forest Service chief is renewing his call to restore forests to a more natural state, where fire was a part of the landscape, the Associated Press reported June 14. Experts say a combination of decades of vigorous fire suppression and the waning of the timber industry over environmental concerns has left many forests a tangled, overgrown mess, subject to the kind of super-fires now regularly consuming hundreds of homes and millions of acres. The plan calls for accelerating restoration programs — everything from prescribed fire and mechanical thinning — by 20 percent each year in key areas that are facing the greatest danger of a catastrophic fire. The goal was set at 4 million acres with a budget of approximately \$1 billion. The accelerated restoration effort is focused on several landscape-scale projects, the largest of which is a 20-year plan that calls for restoring 2.4 million acres across four forests in northern Arizona.  
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2012/06/14/us-wildfires-fuel-urgency-for-forest-restoration/>
62. *June 14, Salt Lake Tribune* – (Utah) **Crews hem in Utah wildfires; open fires banned Statewide.** Crews were making progress June 14 choking off the last flames of several Utah wildfires. The Lost Lake Fire, which had blackened nearly 2,100 acres southwest of Teasdale, was 82 percent contained as of June 14. Nearly 420 firefighters, aided by 3 water-bearing helicopters, continued to battle the Dixie National Forest area blaze. Continued warm weather, sparse rainfall, and dry conditions prompted authorities to issue burning restrictions. A fire that started June 13 near a gravel pit in Stockton was fully contained June 14 after burning 150 acres. The fire started after some individuals were shooting guns for target practice in the area. While the closure of the Wayne Wonderland Airport was lifted, authorities left in place an area closure on the north slope of Boulder Mountain — with the exception of Route 179. All other routes west of Green Lake to the Great Western ATV Trail running west were closed, according to the Fremont Ranger District. The Box Creek Fire was declared 100 percent contained after burning nearly 2,200 acres and forcing evacuation of area summer homes and cabins. No structures were lost and the evacuations were rescinded June 14, according to a Fishlake National Forest spokesman.  
Source: <http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/54304475-78/fire-thursday-lake-contained.html.csp>

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## **Dams Sector**

63. *June 15, KCCI 8 Des Moines* – (Iowa) **Des Moines leaders confident in new levee system.** A new levee system along the banks of the Des Moines River, one of the most ambitious and most expensive projects in Des Moines, Iowa's history, was completed, KCCI 8 Des Moines reported June 15. The new multimillion dollar levee system is designed to prevent major floods in the city, like the ones that happened in 2008 and

1993. Workers removed 6,000 tons of debris from the old section in hopes of strengthening flood protection.

Source: <http://www.kcci.com/news/central-iowa/Des-Moines-leaders-confident-in-new-levee-system/-/9357080/14866024/-/f0uviv/-/index.html>

64. *June 14, KHSL 12 Chico* – (California) **Oroville Dam release.** The California Department of Water Resources released the Oroville Dam June 14, in an effort to improve conditions for the Chinook Salmon’s spring run, as well as help with maintenance on river outlet gates for the Thermalito Afterbay dam. The release is expected to raise the river flow from 600 cubic feet per second to 5,000, and the river level up 1 to 3 feet in the Oroville area. Officials said the river increase will last 2 to 3 weeks.
- Source: <http://www.khsltv.com/content/localnews/story/Oroville-Dam-Release/yh66sP3PnEa2Y7rgiGrsoQ.csp>
65. *June 13, WTRF 7 Wheeling* – (Ohio) **Levee leak could cause problem for Zoar.** Concerns mounted June 13 when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced the levee in Zoar, Ohio, could fail, sending torrents of water into the town. According to officials, the levee leaking has been a problem in the past and about \$4 million was spent to make quick fixes to the structure. The community is home to 200 residents, 98 historic structures, and a major Ohio historical site. Water from the Tuscarawas River is seeping under the levee, potentially threatening the structure’s integrity. According to the Corps, it may be more cost efficient to abandon the village than to invest in further repairs. Federal officials expect to decide Zoar’s fate in late 2013.
- Source: <http://www.wtrf.com/story/18782487/levee-leak-could-cause-problem-for-zoar>

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