



## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report 19 June 2012

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- Federal regulators determined design flaws appear to be the cause of excessive wear in tubing that carries radioactive water, a problem that has kept the San Onofre nuclear power plant in San Diego County idled since January. – *Associated Press* (See item [5](#))
- Michigan’s unusually warm March followed by overnight freezes in April devastated many of the State’s largest fruit farms. The climate caused what some federal officials called the worst weather damage to fruit in the State in the past 50 years. – *Detroit Free Press* (See item [17](#))
- Police shot and killed a gunman to end a standoff at Scott & White Hospital in Temple, Texas, after he took several hospital staffers hostage in the emergency room common area June 17. – *Associated Press* (See item [26](#))
- More residents evacuated June 18 as fire crews faced powerful winds fueling wildfires that have burned hundreds of square miles. The fires have destroyed hundreds of homes and other structures in at least six States. – *Associated Press* (See item [44](#))

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## Energy Sector

1. *June 17, Bay City News Service* – (California) **Leak at Rodeo refinery contained, officials say.** California's Contra Costa County hazardous materials officials said a hydrogen sulfide leak at a ConocoPhillips refinery in Rodeo was contained June 17. The leak in the 1.5-million gallon tank was first reported June 15. An unknown amount of hydrogen sulfide leaked, spreading a noxious smell but staying far below established hazardous levels for public exposure, according to county officials. At least 10 people reported nausea, throat irritation, and respiratory symptoms. A health advisory was issued the weekend of June 16. Crews continued to monitor air quality in the area June 17.  
Source: [http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci\\_20878934/leak-at-rodeo-refinery-contained-officials-say](http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_20878934/leak-at-rodeo-refinery-contained-officials-say)
2. *June 14, KLTN 7 Tyler* – (Texas) **Crews letting Longview oil tank fire 'burn out'.** Crews monitored an oil tank fire in Longview, Texas, after two or three oil tanks caught fire — possibly from a lightning strike — in an oil field tank battery, KLTN 7 Tyler reported June 14. Fire crews did not actively try to put out the blaze because there was no concern of a brush fire due to heavy rain that recently moved through the area.  
Source: <http://www.ksla.com/story/18786363/oil-tank-fire-in-longview>

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## Chemical Industry Sector

3. *June 18, Columbia Basin Herald* – (Washington) **Some visit hospital after chemical leak at REC.** Eleven people visited an area hospital June 15 after reportedly breathing chemical fumes released from REC Silicon in Moses Lake, Washington. A hospital spokesman said most patients came in complaining of minor respiratory irritation, with eight treated and released. Two REC employees were treated for minor injuries at the plant. A Grant County sheriff's spokesman said at least some of the vapor was composed of Tetrachlorosilane, a main chemical used in the production of solar panels. A portion of Interstate 90 and all county roads in the area of the plant were shut down for about 1.5 hours. Area residents were notified to stay indoors for several hours after the release.  
Source: [http://www.columbiabasinherald.com/news/article\\_76051cbc-b71b-11e1-b5af-001a4bcf887a.html](http://www.columbiabasinherald.com/news/article_76051cbc-b71b-11e1-b5af-001a4bcf887a.html)
4. *June 16, WTHI 10 Terre Haute* – (Illinois) **Fire heavily damages fertilizer factory.** A fire at a fertilizer factory in Edgar County, Illinois, caused upwards of a half-million dollars in damage. It happened June 15 at Keys Fertilizer Sales. The fire started in the manufacturing area. Fire crews said the day's extreme heat made battling the fire difficult. At least three fire agencies responded to the fire.  
Source: <http://www.wthitv.com/dpp/news/local/fire-heavily-damages-fertilizer-factory>

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## Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

5. *June 18, Associated Press* – (California) **Feds: Design flaws at Calif. nuke plant behind leak.** After months of investigation, federal regulators determined design flaws appear to be the cause of excessive wear in tubing that carries radioactive water through the San Onofre nuclear power plant in San Diego County, California, the Associated Press reported June 18. The twin-reactor plant has been idle since January, after a tube break in one of four steam generators released traces of radiation. A team of federal investigators was dispatched in March after the discovery that some tubes were so badly corroded they could fail. Flaws in fabrication or installation were considered as possible sources of the rapid decay but “it looks primarily we are pointed toward the design” of the heavily modified generators, a Nuclear Regulatory Commission regional administrator told the Associated Press in an interview. “It’s these four steam generators that either have, or are susceptible to, this type of problem,” he said, referring to the unusual damage caused when alloy tubes vibrate and rattle against each other or brackets that hold them in place.

Source: [http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-201\\_162-57455078/feds-design-flaws-at-calif-uke-plant-behind-leak/](http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-201_162-57455078/feds-design-flaws-at-calif-uke-plant-behind-leak/)

6. *June 17, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Security upped at former Pa. nuclear waste dump.** Guards from the DHS were patrolling a former Armstrong County, Pennsylvania nuclear waste dump as officials rethink their cleanup plans after finding what they called more “complex” nuclear material than expected, the Associated Press reported June 17. The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review reported neither the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which is managing the cleanup, nor the Nuclear Regulatory Commission would say exactly what material was found. A DHS spokesman said the elevated security measures were put in place at the Corps’ request and were not related to any specific threat in the area. The dump along Route 66 was used to store nuclear and chemical waste from the former Nuclear Materials and Equipment Corp. in Apollo and Parks townships from about 1960 to the early 1970s.

Source: [http://cumberlink.com/news/state-and-regional/security-upped-at-former-pa-nuclear-waste-dump/article\\_df750774-b898-11e1-b3a0-0019bb2963f4.html](http://cumberlink.com/news/state-and-regional/security-upped-at-former-pa-nuclear-waste-dump/article_df750774-b898-11e1-b3a0-0019bb2963f4.html)

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## Critical Manufacturing Sector

7. *June 18, The Detroit Bureau* – (National) **Toyota fire probe expanded to 1.4 million autos.** Federal safety investigators broadly expanded an investigation into a potential fire hazard that now involves about 1.4 million Toyota cars and sport utility vehicles, the Detroit Bureau reported June 18. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), the automaker is looking into reports the window switches on the driver’s side doors of a number of different Toyota models can overheat and

catch fire. The problem has so far been linked to 161 fires and 9 injuries. The Toyota probe was initially launched in February and covered 800,000 2007 Camrys and RAV4s. Toyota's practice of making widespread use of common components caused the NHTSA to add an additional 800,000 vehicles, including some Yaris subcompacts from the 2007 to 2009 model years, as well as the 2008 Highlander Hybrid run. The NHTSA also expanded the probe to cover Camrys produced in the 2008 and 2009 model years.

Source: [http://bottomline.msnbc.msn.com/\\_news/2012/06/18/12279930-toyota-fire-probe-expanded-to-14-million-autos?lite](http://bottomline.msnbc.msn.com/_news/2012/06/18/12279930-toyota-fire-probe-expanded-to-14-million-autos?lite)

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

8. *June 18, Associated Press* – (Maine) **Maine shipyard investigates small fire outside nuclear submarine damaged in blaze last month.** A shipyard in Kittery, Maine, is investigating what caused a small fire outside a nuclear-powered submarine that was severely damaged by another fire in May. The fire was reported June 16 in the dry dock where the USS Miami is located, the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard said. A shipyard employee doused the fire with a portable extinguisher before the shipyard's fire department arrived, and the ship's reactor was never in danger, officials said. The latest fire was reported less than 4 weeks after a May 23 fire heavily damaged the submarine while it was in dry dock for an overhaul. That fire damaged the torpedo room, crew quarters, and command and control areas in the front of the submarine, but the nuclear propulsion components at the back of the sub were spared.

Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/maine-shipyard-investigates-small-fire-outside-nuclear-submarine-damaged-in-blaze-last-month/2012/06/18/gJQAUAKelV\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/maine-shipyard-investigates-small-fire-outside-nuclear-submarine-damaged-in-blaze-last-month/2012/06/18/gJQAUAKelV_story.html)

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

9. *June 18, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Automatic transfer system evades security measures, automates bank fraud.** Trend Micro June 18 released a new report that identifies an Automatic Transfer System (ATS) that enables cybercriminals to circumvent many bank security measures and drain victims' bank accounts without leaving visible signs of malicious activity. In the new whitepaper, "Automatic Transfer System, a New Cybercrime Tool", Trend Micro examines the automatic transfer systems within two well-known crime kits, Zeus and SpyEye. Automatic transfer systems are added to the various crime kits as part of the Webinject files. They arm criminals with the ability to move funds from a victim's account without them being aware. In short, while the victim is performing one type of action, the ATS is transferring money. "Various active ATSs currently found in the wild are being used by cybercriminals to conduct automated online financial fraud," the whitepaper explains. "These versions use a common framework. Their base code does not change from one version to another. New functionality has been introduced in more recent versions,

however, in order to address new security measures”.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/automatic-transfer-system-evades-security-measures-automates-bank-fraud>

10. *June 15, U.S. Department of Justice* – (National; International) **Three tax return preparers charged with helping clients evade taxes by hiding millions in secret accounts at two Israeli banks.** Three men were indicted by a federal grand jury in California and charged with conspiring to defraud the United States, the U.S. Department of Justice and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) said June 15. The men were principals and employees of United Revenue Service Inc. (URS), a tax preparation business with 12 offices throughout the United States. The indictment alleges the co-conspirators prepared false individual income tax returns that did not disclose the clients’ foreign financial accounts nor report the income earned from those accounts. To conceal the clients’ ownership and control of assets and conceal their income from the IRS, the co-conspirators incorporated offshore companies in Belize and elsewhere and helped clients open secret bank accounts at the Luxembourg locations of two Israeli banks. Additionally, the co-conspirators incorporated offshore companies in Belize and elsewhere to act as named account holders on the secret accounts at the Israeli banks. They then facilitated the transfer of client funds to the secret accounts and prepared and filed tax returns that falsely reported the money sent offshore as a false investment loss or a false business expense.

Source: <http://www.justice.gov/tax/2012/txdv12762.htm>

11. *June 15, Associated Press* – (Florida; Georgia; Tennessee) **Regulators close 3 banks in 3 States, bringing to 31 the number of US bank failures this year.** Federal regulators seized three banks, one each in Florida, Georgia, and Tennessee, bringing the number to 31 of U.S. banks that have failed so far in 2012, the Associated Press reported June 15. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) said it closed Putnam State Bank in Palatka, Florida, Security Exchange Bank, in Marietta, Georgia, and The Farmers Bank of Lynchburg, in Lynchburg, Tennessee. The FDIC lined up other lenders to assume the deposits and assets of each of the banks. Regulators estimated that the failure of the three banks will cost the insurance fund \$100 million.

Source:

<http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/view/story/de57344dd44b4150a3e1aa163df6048a/US--Bank-Closures>

12. *June 15, KXAS 5 Dallas-Fort Worth* – (Texas) **Skimming devices stumped Secret Service agent.** A Secret Service agent who is an expert on gas pump skimmers said June 15 in court that he had never seen anything like the devices in a Tarrant County, Texas case. A man who is accused of stealing thousands of credit and debit card account numbers across north Texas is on trial in Tarrant County on felony identity charges. A Secret Service agent called the devices the man is accused of installing unique and sophisticated. He said it took him several weeks to figure out how to extract information from them. The devices came from gas pumps. A couple of the skimmers came from the man’s hotel room and his truck.

Source: <http://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/Skimming-Devices-Stumped-Secret-Service-Agent-159259115.html>

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## **Transportation Sector**

13. *June 18, Associated Press* – (Minnesota) **Storms bring tornado, straight-line winds, golf-ball sized hail to southern Minnesota.** Thunderstorms damaged barns, blew out power, and brought golf-ball sized hail in southern Minnesota. National Weather Service said storms June 17-18 brought a tornado touchdown in Traverse County. Straight-line winds had gusts of around 75 miles an hour in Swift and Meeker counties, damaging some farm buildings. Golf-ball sized hail and some 2-inches in diameter were reported in Le Sueur, Rice, and Goodhue counties. Transportation officials closed Highway 20 near Cannon Falls and Highway 50 near Miesville June 17 due to flooding. Power outages were reported in central Minnesota.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/3bd6487ff5bb45609509d3812d003a1c/MN--Minnesota-Storms>

14. *June 18, KTVI 2 St. Louis* – (Illinois) **Interstate reopens after cattle truck overturns.** The westbound lanes of Interstate 64 at I-255 in Caseyville, Illinois, reopened after being shut down for nearly 9 hours June 18. A tractor trailer hauling cows overturned after an accident. The truck flipped on its side with about 65 cattle on board. Two people suffered minor injuries. Four cattle had to be shot and killed because they were roaming I-255 just after the crash. Cattle had to be transferred from the flipped truck onto another truck so they could be taken to their destination. Traffic was backed up for miles for several hours.

Source: <http://fox2now.com/2012/06/18/cattle-truck-overturns-in-illinois/>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

15. *June 16, Northwest Cable News* – (Idaho) **Suspicious powder found in Middleton mailbox identified.** Homes were evacuated in the Middleton Lakes Subdivision in Middleton, Idaho, June 16, after a suspicious powder was discovered in a mailbox. The property owner found the substance when he checked the mail, and he and family members washed their hands and faces, said a Middleton Rural Fire Department incident commander. The five people in the home were evacuated, along with residents of some neighboring homes. A HAZMAT team on scene determined the powder was the combination of the chemical agents used in standard fire extinguishers. HAZMAT technicians also checked several other mailboxes in the area but found no other trace of the substance.

Source: <http://www.nwcn.com/home/159325325.html>



## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

16. *June 18, Food Safety News* – (International) **China releases five year food safety plan.** In another attempt to calm consumer fears, China released a 5-year plan the week of June 11 to upgrade its food safety regulations. According to the government, the plan by the country’s ministry of health is aimed at revamping outdated standards, which includes “reviewing and abolishing any contradicting or overlapping standards” and writing new ones. The framework was announced on the heels of China’s Food Safety Week. The plan calls for coordination between 14 different government departments — including the ministry of agriculture — to complete reviewing and revamping the existing standards by 2015. The plan admits the country “is still suffering from the absence of several major food safety regulations.” “The government will prioritize safety standards for dairy products, infant food, meat, alcohol, vegetable oil, seasoning, health products and food additives so as to specify limits for dangerous ingredients in these foods,” according to the release. “Moreover, the government will make special efforts to set standards for testing various contaminants, food additives, microorganisms, pesticide and animal drug residue in food production by 2015.”  
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/06/china-releases-five-year-food-safety-plan/>
  
17. *June 17, Detroit Free Press* – (Michigan) **Volatile climate tough on Michigan’s fruit crops.** Michigan’s unusually warm March followed by overnight freezes in April devastated many of the State’s largest fruit farms, the Detroit Free Press reported June 17. The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Michigan field office described the impact as the “worst weather damage to fruit in the state in the past half-century.” The State, which produced 70.9 percent of the nation’s tart cherries in 2010, is expected to harvest a mere 2 million pounds of tarts in 2012, down from 135 million pounds in 2010 and 266 million pounds in 2009, according to the Michigan Frozen Food Packers Association. Other crops damaged by this spring’s volatile climate include apples, peaches, juice grapes — and even maple syrup. “It’s going to be pretty tough financially on these producers, and it’s going to be pretty difficult on the handlers,” said a Michigan Farm Bureau commodities specialist. It is also going to drive prices up — especially for cherries. One buyer said he expects wholesale prices to quadruple. Sales of fruit crops totaled \$325.2 million in 2010, according to a report by the USDA and Michigan State University.  
Source: <http://www.freep.com/article/20120617/BUSINESS06/206170479/Volatile-climate-tough-on-Michigan-s-fruit-crops>
  
18. *June 17, KTVB 7 Boise* – (Idaho) **Q fever confirmed in Idaho livestock.** Q fever is back in Idaho, KTVB 7 Boise reported June 17. A release from the Idaho governor’s office said the Idaho Department of Agriculture was investigating a confirmed case of Q fever in an Idaho goat herd. The herd was quarantined. Q fever has been known to cause stillbirths in livestock, most often in goats, sheep, and cattle. The disease can be contagious to humans and most often is passed through contact with birthing fluids of

affected animals or through inhalation.

Source: <http://www.ktvb.com/news/159310085.html>

19. *June 15, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (California; Oregon; Washington) **Truitt Bros., Inc. issues allergy alert on undeclared soy in 15 oz. Premium Navy Beans.** Truitt Bros., Inc. of Salem, Oregon, voluntarily recalled 15-ounce Premium Navy Beans, because it may contain undeclared soy, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported June 15. The recalled product was distributed in Oregon, Washington State, and northern California through retail stores between December 1, 2011 and June 15. The recall was initiated after it was discovered that a chili-like product containing soy was labeled and distributed as Premium Navy Beans. Subsequent investigation indicated the problem was caused by a temporary breakdown in the company's inventory tagging and labeling processes.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm308549.htm>

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## Water Sector

20. *June 18, Davenport Quad-City Times* – (Iowa) **Storm sewer: Riverfront pipe project could cost \$3 million.** The federal government was pulled into Davenport, Iowa's investigation of its leaky infrastructure. That is because a large, 54-inch riverfront interceptor that collects stormwater from above the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' roller dam is clogged and must be cleared at a cost of \$2 million to \$3 million, the Davenport Quad-City Times reported June 18. Along with being blocked, the interceptor could have cross connections to sanitary sewer lines, so sewage could be going into the river, the public works director said. Davenport, which shares a sanitary sewer system with Bettendorf, Panorama Park, and Riverdale, operates the treatment plant for the four communities. A heavy rain can overwhelm the system because of inflow of stormwater. In these instances, water is only partially treated before release. At times of maximum capacity, Bettendorf has released raw but diluted sewage. Davenport, with an aging infrastructure, is trying to lower its inflow and infiltration of stormwater into sanitary sewers. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Iowa Department of Natural Resources want an equalization basin built near the treatment plant to contain stormwater runoff.

Source: [http://qctimes.com/news/local/storm-sewer-riverfront-pipe-project-could-cost-million/article\\_86b29fb4-b8f4-11e1-900a-0019bb2963f4.html](http://qctimes.com/news/local/storm-sewer-riverfront-pipe-project-could-cost-million/article_86b29fb4-b8f4-11e1-900a-0019bb2963f4.html)

21. *June 18, Springfield Republican* – (Massachusetts) **East Longmeadow water service to resume after water main breaks repaired.** An East Longmeadow, Massachusetts Department of Public Works (DPW) official said water service to about 100 residential customers was interrupted after a pump at the Harkness Road station failed to shut off June 17, causing underground pipes to burst and about \$25,000 worth of damage in northwestern sections of town. A malfunction caused a main pump that draws water from Springfield to keep running, allowing pressure to build up in a series of



underground pipes, some of which burst. As of June 18, about 50 to 75 customers were still without water, according to a DPW senior project planner. He said water would be turned off to residents while repairs were being made on many of the streets affected by the water main breaks.

Source:

[http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2012/06/east\\_longmeadow\\_water\\_service.html](http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2012/06/east_longmeadow_water_service.html)

22. *June 16, Elizabeth City Daily Advance* – (North Carolina) **County issues lead advisory.** Following the discovery of elevated levels of lead at 30 test sites, Pasquotank County, North Carolina officials advised several thousand customers of the county's new reverse-osmosis (RO) plant to run their water briefly before using it. County officials said June 15 the elevated lead levels were detected during routine testing of samples taken at 40 residences built before 1986. The county conducts the federally required tests at the sites because they contain older, lead-enriched plumbing materials like copper piping and lead solder. State and federal agencies require municipal water suppliers to test for lead because prolonged exposure has been shown to cause health problems, particularly among pregnant women and young children. Water suppliers must notify the public whenever water samples from at least 10 percent of test sites show lead levels of at least 15 parts per billion (ppb). According to Pasquotank officials, water samples collected May 30 from 75 percent of the county's RO water testing sites showed lead levels of at least 15 ppb. Residents were notified of test results June 14. The county water supervisor said the county water department is working with a Virginia-based water quality expert to make adjustments to the RO plant's treatment process. The county has been testing its water for 30 years, but this is the first time any tests resulted in high levels of lead, said the county manager.

Source: <http://www.dailyadvance.com/node/1105701>

23. *June 16, Casper Star-Tribune* – (Wyoming) **Wyoming DEQ: Town of Moorcroft in violation of waste water discharge.** In a string of violation notices dating back to 2009, the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) issued its latest violation to the town of Moorcroft for sewage not meeting State standards before being discharged, the Casper Star-Tribune reported June 16. The DEQ stated in a letter that the town's wastewater treatment facility is not properly eliminating bacteria and chlorine before discharging the water into Rush Creek, a tributary of the Belle Fourche River. It notes monitoring reports submitted by the town show excessive amounts of chlorine and E. coli. Town officials had 10 days from receipt of the notice to appeal. If they do not appeal, they have 30 days to create a plan to address the issues, and must provide a compliance timeline. The DEQ letter said the plan should address operation and maintenance of the gas chlorination system, the identification of the cause of excessive E. coli, and any modifications to plant design or operations needed to bring the plant into consistent compliance. The notice also called for the town to monitor E. coli weekly until the DEQ changes the monitoring schedule.

Source: [http://trib.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming-deq-town-of-moorcroft-in-violation-of-waste-water/article\\_ec3bf3ba-20e6-515e-8312-a76c302f202c.html](http://trib.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming-deq-town-of-moorcroft-in-violation-of-waste-water/article_ec3bf3ba-20e6-515e-8312-a76c302f202c.html)

24. *June 15, Yakima Herald-Republic* – (Washington) **Report shows climate change, growth will strain State’s water supply.** Washington State faces huge challenges to provide needed water for growth and to overcome the effects of climate change over the next 20 years, a new forecast report suggests. The demands for irrigation and municipal supplies are in addition to unmet needs for in-stream flows for fish in the Columbia River and its tributaries during water-short years. The report, prepared by the Washington Department of Ecology, complies with a legislative mandate to develop a supply and demand forecast every 5 years. Prepared in conjunction with Washington State University and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Ecology forecast projects irrigation demand in the State will rise by 170,000 acre-feet of water by 2030. The figure represents a 1.9 percent increase. Use of water for agriculture in the Columbia River in-State is about 6.3 million acre-feet. For municipal and domestic needs, another 117,500 acre-feet of water will be needed by 2030, a 24 percent increase. Warming temperatures as a result of climate change will mean wetter winters and higher runoff in the late winter and early spring and less runoff during the summer, the forecast indicated.  
Source: <http://www.yakima-herald.com/stories/2012/06/15/report-shows-climate-change-growth-will-strain-state-s-water-supply>
25. *June 14, Middletown Press* – (Connecticut) **Middletown to provide clean drinking water to residents affected by Durham Meadows Superfund site.** The Durham, Connecticut Board of Selectmen approved a water supply plan June 11 that would allow Middletown, Connecticut, to provide clean drinking water to residents affected by the contaminations found at the Durham Meadows Superfund Site, the Middletown Press reported June 14. The approval follows years of feasibility studies. The project was delayed a year while Durham waited for the city of Middletown to approve its updated water supply plan to provide water for affected Durham residents. Durham had to approve the plan before the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency would commission a design for the project, said Durham’s first selectwoman. She said officials anticipate the cost to be more than \$11 million. Once the project is completed, water will be brought from Middletown to the Superfund Site and from there distributed to all homeowners’ whose wells are currently being treated.  
Source:  
<http://middletownpress.com/articles/2012/06/14/news/doc4fd97c50e3b9e319796745.txt?viewmode=fullstory>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

26. *June 18, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Police kill gunman in standoff at Temple hospital.** Police shot and killed a gunman to end a standoff at Scott & White Hospital in Temple, Texas, after he took several hospital staffers hostage in the emergency room common area June 17. Authorities were trying to determine what sparked the standoff. Police started negotiations when a hostage tried to grab the suspect’s gun. A Temple

officer fatally shot the man to end the struggle.

Source: <http://www.chron.com/news/article/Police-kill-gunman-in-standoff-at-Temple-hospital-3641742.php>

27. *June 16, U.S. Department of Justice* – (New York) **Doctor convicted for role in Medicare and private insurance fraud scheme.** A Brooklyn board-certified colorectal surgeon, who owned and operated a New York medical clinic, was convicted for his role in a fraud scheme that billed Medicare and many private insurance companies for surgeries and other complex medical procedures that were never performed, the Department of Justice, FBI, and Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) said June 16. He was found guilty of one count of health care fraud and five counts of health care false statements. The trial evidence showed that from January 2008-January 2010 he defrauded Medicare and private insurance firms by billing for surgeries and medical services he never provided. According to trial testimony, several insurance firms began investigating after receiving complaints from patients. The indictment alleged the surgeon submitted and caused the submission of more than \$22.6 million in false and fraudulent claims to Medicare and private insurance firms, and received more than \$9 million on those claims.

Source: <http://www.imperialvalleynews.com/index.php/news/national-news/813-doctor-convicted-for-role-in-medicare-and-private-insurance-fraud-scheme>

28. *June 14, LaGrange News* – (Georgia) **West Georgia Health bans helium balloons.** West Georgia Health in La Grange, Georgia, banned helium-filled balloons from its facilities after having problems with loose balloons setting off fire alarms, the LaGrange News reported June 14. Helium balloons present a danger when they are released and float to high levels in the building, setting off smoke alarms and creating unnecessary stress on patients, visitors, and staff, a hospital spokeswoman said. In addition, balloons that get trapped and cannot be retrieved in a timely manner can repeatedly trigger alarms and subsequent safety protocols staff members must observe each time a fire alarm sounds. The spokeswoman said the move is following a national trend of hospitals banning the balloons.

Source: [http://lagrangeneews.com/view/full\\_story/18983710/article-West-Georgia-Health-bans-helium-balloons](http://lagrangeneews.com/view/full_story/18983710/article-West-Georgia-Health-bans-helium-balloons)

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

29. *June 16, Arizona Daily Star* – (Arizona) **Suspicious package forces evacuation.** For the second time during the week of June 11, Tucson, Arizona police investigated a suspicious package delivered to a Department of Homeland Security Customs and Border Protection management office June 15. Office workers opening the package became concerned about its contents and notified federal police officers, a police official said. Tucson police had the building evacuated. Its bomb squad and special investigations unit responded, she said. June 11, two suspicious packages arrived at the office. Police determined they contained no explosives or chemicals.

Source: [http://azstarnet.com/news/local/crime/suspicious-package-forces-evacuation/article\\_4811a796-b76e-11e1-b59f-001a4bcf887a.html](http://azstarnet.com/news/local/crime/suspicious-package-forces-evacuation/article_4811a796-b76e-11e1-b59f-001a4bcf887a.html)

30. *June 15, Delaware County Daily Times* – (Pennsylvania) **Charges filed against Cheyney student for ‘Columbine’ threat against school.** The man charged with using Twitter to threaten a Columbine/Virginia Tech re-enactment at Cheyney University in Pennsylvania is free on \$250,000 unsecured bail, the Delaware County Daily Times reported June 15. As a condition of his bail, the man is barred from accessing the social medial network Twitter, which he allegedly used in making the threat. Campus police were alerted to the alleged threat June 13. According to the affidavit of probable cause, campus police found a posting on the man’s Twitter account that read, “There’s not too much stopping me from pulling a Virginia Tech/Columbine reenactment at Cheyney University right now.” The threat forced the university to take steps to safeguard students and employees. An emergency plan of action was put in place. The Cheyney community was notified of the threat and off-duty police officers were called in and were placed strategically on campus. June 14, the man, who is a resident assistant at Cheyney, met with university officials. He admitted to posting several other tweets, some laced with profanity, including the one referencing Virginia Tech and Columbine, the affidavit states. Authorities said the man was upset over mounting parking tickets that were impacting his enrollment status.

Source:

<http://delcotimes.com/articles/2012/06/15/news/doc4fdb6aa58a5bc678092280.txt?viewmode=fullstory>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

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## **Information Technology Sector**

31. *June 18, H Security* – (International) **Encoding malicious PDFs avoids detection.** A security researcher discovered attackers can thwart detection by most common anti-virus software if they encode malicious PDF files in the XDP format. XDP is an XML-based file format that includes the PDF as a Base64-encoded data stream. XDP files are opened by Adobe Reader just like a normal PDF would be and can therefore infect systems in the same way. The researcher’s test document, which uses a 2-year-old security vulnerability in Adobe Reader, was only detected by one anti-virus package in his tests. After experimenting with the XDP format, he was able to create another file that fooled all 42 anti-virus engines used on VirusTotal. The exploit the researcher used has long since been patched. To make sure their networks are not attacked, users should avoid XDP files in general until Adobe patches its software or the anti-virus companies fix their detection methods, experts said.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Encoding-malicious-PDFs-avoids-detection-1620310.html>

32. *June 18, ZDNet* – (International) **Attack code published for ‘critical’ IE flaw; Patch your browser now.** The week of June 11, when Microsoft released a critical Internet Explorer update, the company issued a warning that working exploit code could be released within 30 days. Less than a week later, an exploit for one of the “critical” browser flaws was fitted into the freely available Metasploit point-and-click attack tool, and samples were released to Contagio, a blog that tracks live malware attacks. The addition of the exploit into Metasploit indicates cyber-criminals now have access to copy the attack code for use in exploit kit and other mass malware attacks.

Source: <http://www.zdnet.com/blog/security/attack-code-published-for-critical-ie-flaw-patch-your-browser-now/12493>

33. *June 15, The Register* – (International) **ICANN eggfaced after publishing dot-word biz overlords’ personal info.** After revealing the details of almost 2,000 new generic top-level domain (gTLD) applications, the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) took all the applications offline June 15 after applicants complained their home addresses were published by mistake. ICANN published the partial text of 1,930 gTLD bids during an event in London June 13. Only 30 of the 50 questions in each application were supposed to be revealed; details about financial performance, technical security, and personal contact information were supposed to be redacted. Also, ICANN accidentally published the full contact information of each bid’s primary and secondary contact — including in many cases their home addresses. These named individuals were in several confirmed cases as well as the senior officers and directors of the company applying. The Applicant Guidebook, the authoritative publication for the ICANN new gTLD process, specifically stated home addresses would not be published.

Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/06/15/icann\\_big\\_reveal\\_reveals\\_too\\_much/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/06/15/icann_big_reveal_reveals_too_much/)

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## Communications Sector

34. *June 18, ZDNet* – (International) **Amazon explains latest cloud outage: Blame the power.** June 14, cloud provider Amazon suffered an outage to its Amazon Web Services in a north Virginia datacenter. Many popular Web sites, including Quora, Hipchat, and Heroku — a division of Salesforce — were knocked offline for hours

during the evening. Dropbox also was affected by the outage. Several days later, Amazon explained the cause of the fault — which hit its Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2) service — was a power failure.

Source: <http://www.zdnet.com/blog/btl/amazon-explains-latest-cloud-outage-blame-the-power/80094>

35. *June 17, Charleston Gazette* – (West Virginia) **Phone service outage reported in East Bank.** More than 1,600 Frontier Communications customers in the East Bank area of Kanawha County in West Virginia were without phone service June 17, according to Metro 9-1-1's Web site. Frontier employees were working to fix the problem.

Source: <http://sundaygazettemail.com/News/201206170085>

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## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

36. *June 18, WNYW 5 New York* – (New York) **Huge apartment building fire on L.I.** A fire at a Long Island, New York apartment building left dozens injured and many more homeless. The fire broke out June 17 in Hempstead Village. Three hundred firefighters from 13 fire departments were called to fight the flames. The fire appeared to start in an oven in the kitchen of an apartment. The flames spread quickly and started the apartment above on fire. The fire sent smoke throughout the building. Nearly 70 people were rushed out of the building. Twenty-nine residents, 1 Hempstead Village police officer, and 1 Baldwin firefighter were taken to local hospitals and were treated for smoke inhalation. The American Red Cross set up a shelter at Hempstead High School for residents who were evacuated.

Source: <http://www.myfoxny.com/story/18810105/huge-fire-breaks-out-at-apartment-building-on-li>

37. *June 17, Associated Press* – (California) **Redwood City officials say fire was arson.** Redwood City, California police and fire officials asked for the public's help after investigators determined a fire at an apartment complex the week of June 11 was an act of arson. Police said the fire in the 8-unit building forced about 25 residents from their homes. Officials said the fire June 13 gutted two units and caused structural damage to the building, prompting inspectors to determine it was unsafe for residents.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/n/a/2012/06/17/state/n153103D03.DTL>

38. *June 16, Softpedia* – (National) **Penn Station incident worse than initially believed, 80 locations affected.** At the beginning of June, it was reported that Penn Station was warning its customers about a data breach as a result of which credit and debit card details were stolen impacting about 43 restaurants. As it turns out, as many as 80 restaurants were affected, Softpedia reported June 16. Penn Station's notification revealed PIN information is not collected by the company, so the hackers have retrieved only names and payment card numbers. "We did not learn of the possibility of unauthorized access until late April. Our first step after learning such information was to change the method for processing credit and debit card transactions," the firm



explained. The updated list includes establishments located in more than 20 cities.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Penn-Station-Incident-Worse-Than-Initially-Believed-80-Locations-Affected-275993.shtml>

39. *June 16, USA Today* – (Nevada) **Reno Air Races move away from grandstands after deadly crash.** The Reno National Championship Air Races in Reno, Nevada will move five pylons 150 feet further from grandstands for the 2012 event and pay \$1.7 million extra for premium insurance, an event official said, USA Today reported June 16. Pylons four, five, six, seven, and eight will be moved 150 feet north, away from grandstands for every race class except Formula One and biplanes, said the Reno Air Racing Association executive director. Pylons were 500 feet from grandstands at Reno Stead Airport in 2011 to meet Federal Aviation Administration guidelines, the race spokeswoman said. September 16, 2011, during the 2011 air races, a P-51 Mustang crashed into the VIP box seating area, killing 11 people, and seriously injuring about 70.

Source:

<http://www.thenorthwestern.com/usatoday/article/55643040?odyssey=mod|newswell|text|FRONTPAGE|p>

40. *June 16, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Woman drives into crowd in Ohio town square, dozens injured.** A woman drove her car into a crowded town square in Lima, Ohio, and struck bystanders, sending some through the air and pinning others under the car until freed when bystanders lifted the vehicle, according to authorities and witnesses, the Associated Press reported June 16. Approximately 30 people were injured. Some suffered serious injuries to their legs, heads, and necks, none of them life-threatening, police said. All but four were released from the hospital June 15, a hospital spokeswoman said. The scene unfolded where more than 1,000 people had gathered for a weekly community event. A witness said the woman appeared disoriented. A Lima police detective said the woman probably drove the car about 50 feet at a speed of 20 miles per hour.

Source: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/06/16/woman-drives-into-town-square-in-ohio\\_n\\_1602467.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/06/16/woman-drives-into-town-square-in-ohio_n_1602467.html)

41. *June 16, Helena Independent Record* – (Montana) **Hazardous chemicals found on parking lot pay boxes.** Six parking-lot pay boxes in downtown Helena, Montana, were vandalized with an industrial-strength solvent June 14 or June 15 that also may have sent a pair of heavy-equipment operators, who may have been contaminated with the same chemical, to the hospital. A Helena police official said June 15 the Helena Parking Commission reported finding an unknown substance on six of the boxes that dispense tickets showing proof of payment for parking. A hazardous materials team from the Helena Fire Department determined the substance to be a powerful solvent. Later June 15, two people working on a utility project also came in contact with what appeared to be the same substance and went to the hospital for treatment of possible chemical burns. They were later released.

Source: [http://helenair.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/hazardous-chemicals-found-on-parking-lot-pay-boxes/article\\_51a5eb4a-b779-11e1-b82a-001a4bcf887a.html](http://helenair.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/hazardous-chemicals-found-on-parking-lot-pay-boxes/article_51a5eb4a-b779-11e1-b82a-001a4bcf887a.html)

42. *June 16, Shreveport Times* – (Louisiana) **Meth lab found in hotel room.** Bossier City, Louisiana police were forced to evacuate a hotel June 15 to dispose of a methamphetamine lab that had been set up in one of the rooms. Officers arrested a man who they said admitted to building the lab and cooking the meth. Officers reportedly found 3 grams of meth on the man, officials said. The motel was evacuated and the fire department was called in to assist narcotics officers in separating the chemical substances safely. The man was arrested and charged with possession of Schedule II CDS and the creation of a clandestine lab.  
Source: <http://www.shreveporttimes.com/article/20120617/NEWS03/206170309/Meth-lab-found-hotel-room>

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

43. *June 18, KABC 7 Los Angeles* – (California) **Brush fires in Cabazon, Beaumont, San Bernardino keep firefighters busy.** California firefighters continued battling three brush fires in the Inland Empire June 18. A fire broke out in Cabazon, California, June 17 near Desert View and Cottonwood Road. It charred 300 acres and was 20 percent contained. Authorities said they were assisting with voluntary evacuations. Meanwhile, a brush fire in Beaumont was expected to be fully contained by June 18 after it was first reported June 16. At least 445 firefighters, aided by 5 air tankers and 5 water-dropping helicopters, were fighting the fire. It blackened 2,200 acres and was 70 percent contained as of June 18. In San Bernardino, a brush fire temporarily shut down a section of the 210 Freeway and forced officials to evacuate a nearby apartment building. Investigators said the fire started after embers fell from a burning palm tree.  
Source:  
[http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=weather/wildfire\\_center&id=8705194](http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=weather/wildfire_center&id=8705194)
44. *June 18, Associated Press* – (National) **More evacuations as winds fuel Colorado wildfire.** More residents evacuated June 18 as fire crews face another day of powerful winds fueling a wildfire that has charred more than 87 square miles of forested mountains in northern Colorado. Fire officials said crews were able to maintain most existing fire lines, with the fire chewing through about 1,000 more acres June 17. About 1,750 personnel were working on the fire, which was sparked by lightning and was 45 percent contained. The fire destroyed at least 181 homes, the most in State history. Also June 17, a fire erupted in the foothills west of Colorado Springs, prompting the evacuation of an unknown number of homes as well as some cabins, a Boy Scout camp, and a recreation area near the Elevenmile Canyon Reservoir, which provides water to the Denver area. The fire has spread to 450 acres and fire managers said it has the potential to grow much more in the dry, windy conditions. In southwest Colorado, a fire near Pagosa Springs grew to 11,617 acres and was 30 percent contained. It was sparked by lightning May 13. June 17, deputies arrested a Denver man on charges including theft and impersonating a firefighter. In California, a wildfire that forced the evacuation of 150 homes in San Diego County surged to 800 acres June

18 and was 5 percent contained. In Nevada, crews fought a 22,000-acre fire north of Ely, that burned a mobile home. In New Mexico, a wildfire destroyed 242 homes and businesses, and firefighters were working to increase containment and keeping an eye out for possible lightning. The roughly 60-square-mile Little Bear Fire in Ruidoso was 60 percent contained. In Arizona, firefighters were focusing on protecting electrical transmission lines near a 3,100-acre fire on the Tonto National Forest. The fire was 15 percent contained.

Source: <http://www.officialwire.com/news/more-evacuations-as-winds-fuel-colorado-wildfire/>

45. *June 18, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **State shuts off drinking water at western Md. park due to theft by nearby residents.** The Maryland Department of Natural Resources said it shut off the drinking-water spigot at Big Run State Park in western Maryland because local residents were using most of the water. The Cumberland Times-News reported June 18 the spigot was turned off in December 2011. A representative of the Maryland Park Service said some farmers were filling large water tanks at the tap. He said the agency was paying more to have the water made safe to drink than it received in camping fees at the park. The nightly camping fee was cut to \$10 from \$15 because there is no drinking water.  
Source: <http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/f768b91dcf884a039e3e86c5c78288d4/MD--State-Park-Water-Shut-Off>
46. *June 18, Associated Press* – (New York) **New Marcy Dam bridge opened to hikers Sunday.** A replacement for one of the most well-traveled and iconic bridges in the Adirondack High Peaks was completed and opened to hikers June 17 as crews continued to repair trail damage from Tropical Storm Irene in August 2011. The bridge across Marcy Dam at Lake Placid, New York, was destroyed by Irene's floodwaters and the dam breached. Adirondack Mountain Club members completed work on a new bridge June 17 about 250 feet downstream from the dam. The New York Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) plans engineering studies to determine the feasibility of repairing the dam. More than a dozen bridge replacement projects are planned this summer, the DEC said. The agency has decided not to fix another popular backcountry dam wrecked by Irene, at Duck Hole.  
Source: <http://adirondackdailyenterprise.com/page/content.detail/id/531397/New-Marcy-Dam-bridge-opened-to-hikers-Sunday.html?nav=5008>
47. *June 15, Salt Lake Tribune* – (Utah) **Tooele wildfire comes close to Deseret Chemical Depot.** The major wildfires that have been burning in recent weeks across Utah were hemmed in as of June 15, but two new fires broke out by the afternoon. A fire that began off Highway 73 had burned 1,200 acres and threatened the Deseret Chemical Depot. A spokeswoman with the Bureau of Land Management said crews were making sure the fire did not get too close to the depot. How the fire, dubbed Ophir Creek Fire, started was under investigation, but it was believed to be human-caused. It was reported to be 80 percent contained. Another fire west of Utah Lake prompted the closure of Redwood Road in Utah County. The Little Cove Fire burned more than 150 acres and grew with the help of 15 mile per hour winds. In other parts of the State, crews kept a

close watch on the horizon for new smoke and flames. The Lost Lake Fire, which scorched 2,075 acres of timber and grasslands southwest of the Wayne County town of Teasdale, was 100 percent contained June 15. Crews planned to monitor the burned area near the Dixie National Forest for any new outbreaks while mopping up remaining hot spots.

Source: <http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/54311761-78/fire-utah-burned-acres.html.csp>

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## **Dams Sector**

48. *June 18, ABS-CBN News* – (International) **Red alert status raised at La Mesa Dam.** La Mesa Dam in Quezon City, Philippines, was on red alert as the dam’s water level reached near spilling level June 18. Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) personnel said the dam’s water level was only 0.38 meter below its spilling level of 80.15. They warned residents surrounding the dam to expect flooding if rains continued. State weather bureau PAGASA said rains since June 17 in most parts of Luzon were caused by the southwest monsoon that was being enhanced by typhoon “Butchoy”. Butchoy was moving northward at 22 kilometers per hour (kph) and was expected to exit the Philippine area of responsibility the night of June 18.  
Source: <http://www.abs-cbnnews.com/nation/metro-manila/06/18/12/red-alert-status-raised-la-mesa-dam>
49. *June 18, WSAU 550 AM Wausau* – (Wisconsin) **WPS to start dam drawdown in Merrill next week.** Wisconsin Public Service warned Merrill, Wisconsin residents they would be lowering the river the week of June 18. Officials said they must do work on the hydroelectric dam and that they need access to the surface of the dam. “We’ll be replacing some piers and pouring some concrete on the upstream side,” said the hydro supervisor. He said they would be lowering the dam about 6 inches a day until they hit their needed level. Once the dam is lowered, there will be exposed lakebed and new shoreline. “They can walk on it if they have to, but we don’t want people driving out there,” the hydro supervisor said. A hazard zone will be posted. The drawdown will take about 12 days to complete depending on water flow. The entire project is expected to run through October.  
Source: <http://wsau.com/news/articles/2012/jun/18/wps-to-start-dam-drawdown-in-merrill-next-week/>
50. *June 18, Associated Press* – (Tennessee) **Corps replacing damaged buildings at Cheatham Dam.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said in a news release it plans to hold a groundbreaking ceremony June 18 to replace buildings at the Cheatham Dam in Ashland City, Tennessee, destroyed by the May 2010 flood. The buildings, which included the lock operations center and the resource manager’s office, were submerged underwater May 2, 2010 after floodwaters topped the dam’s lock and spillways. Nine employees at the dam had to be rescued by boat. As much as 17 inches of rain fell in areas of the Cumberland River Basin over 2 days, resulting in an unprecedented flash flood. The employees have been working in temporary facilities since then.

Source: <http://www.newschannel5.com/story/18813037/corps-replacing-damaged-buildings-at-cheatham-dam>

51. *June 18, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Pennsylvania town must certify levee to avoid flood plain.** A creekside levee in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, must be certified by federal regulators or most of the community will be declared a flood plain, a designation that could drive up property insurance costs and make building permits difficult to obtain. The Punxsutawney Spirit reported June 14 that officials in Punxsutawney do not know how much the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) certification will cost, let alone how much it might cost to improve the Mahoning Creek levee if the agency deems it not up to par. The manager of the borough said the FEMA would declare 75 percent of the town a flood plain if the levee is not certified. Officials said the certification was being required because of levee-related flooding problems caused by Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans in 2005. Source: <http://www.claimsjournal.com/news/east/2012/06/18/208644.htm>

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