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Energy Sector

1. *June 20, Associated Press* – (Washington) **Pipe failure caused Feb. fire at Wash. BP refinery.** BP said the February 17 fire that shut down its Cherry Point oil refinery near Ferndale, Washington, was caused by a pipe failure in the crude processing unit, the Associated Press reported June 20. The refinery manager said the pipe has been replaced and is being monitored while a redesign is considered. BP added a maintenance “turnaround” to the repairs, which at one time required more than 3,200 additional workers at the site. The refinery returned to operation at the end of May. Its outage had been blamed as a factor in high West Coast gasoline prices. Cherry Point is the third-largest refinery on the West Coast and produces 20 percent of Washington’s gasoline and the majority of jet fuel for Sea-Tac, Portland and Vancouver, British Columbia, airports.
Source: <http://fuelfix.com/blog/2012/06/20/pipe-failure-caused-feb-fire-at-wash-bp-refinery/>

2. *June 20, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **Oil, gas vandalism, spills reported near Kersey.** Sheriff’s officials in Weld County, Colorado, are investigating several cases of suspected vandalism that resulted in 17 oil spills and 1 release of natural gas from tanks, plus several damaged road signs and mailboxes south of Kersey, the Associated Press reported June 20. Sheriff’s officials said victims included Noble Energy, Merit Energy, and Aka Energy. Authorities said “large quantities” of oil and gas were released between June 18-19, but it is not known exactly how much spilled. The oil releases were mostly contained within berms surrounding the tank batteries, although an unknown amount of oil from one spill escaped a berm and was being cleaned up. Sheriff’s officials said there were no known health or safety issues in the affected areas.
Source: <http://www.9news.com/news/article/273324/222/Oil-gas-vandalism-spills-reported-near-Kersey>

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Chemical Industry Sector

3. *June 20, WXIN 59 Indianapolis* – (Indiana) **Firefighters work to contain chemical spill at Avon Yard.** Firefighters with the Avon Fire Department were at the CSX Avon Rail Yard in Avon, Indiana, investigating a spill June 20. An Avon fire spokesman said a rail car in an isolated part of the yard was leaking a small amount of a chemical called isobutylene. It can be a highly flammable substance, so firefighters monitored air quality to ensure the safety of area homes and businesses. CSX, the fire department, and an environmental clean-up company worked to mitigate the spill. The spokesman said officials believe a faulty valve is to blame.
Source: <http://www.fox59.com/news/wxin-firefighters-work-to-contain-chemical-spill-at-avon-yard-20120620,0,6917681.column>
4. *June 20, PhillyBurbs.com* – (Pennsylvania) **Bristol wants answers about Dow fire.** Officials in Bristol, Pennsylvania, want an independent review of the response and management of the Dow Chemical plant fire in May, PhillyBurbs.com reported June 20. The borough is displeased with the emergency response efforts during the May 16 fire that released ethyl and butyl acrylate, which have an extremely low odor threshold, and could be smelled throughout the borough and as far away as New Jersey, causing some residents to call 9-1-1 for medical assistance. Fire officials believe the plant and ignited two tanks containing 154,000 gallons of chemicals used to make paint products. Bristol wants updates on the plant cleanup, the events that led to the fire, the emergency management layout of that day, and preventive measures being taken. They also want to know if there are long-term effects of exposure to the chemical fumes. In an effort to get answers, the borough sent letters to Dow officials, emergency management personnel, and several federal, State, and county legislators. A Bristol councilwoman said she hoped the letters would result in meetings to review the events of the day and to develop a better plan to help residents in case of a similar future emergency.
Source: http://www.phillyburbs.com/news/local/courier_times_news/bristol-wants-answers-about-dow-fire/article_fb3b33a3-57e1-5987-917f-c012cb5cda2d.html
5. *June 19, Houston Chronicle* – (Texas) **Lightning strikes chemical plant.** Storms that affected the Houston area June 19 brought about a lightning strike that shut operations at a chemical plant along the Houston Ship Channel. The lightning struck inside the TPC Group in east Houston, company officials said. The strike caused the boilers to shut down, which meant a loss of steam feeding into the plant. It caused the flaring and black smoke that could be seen for miles, company officials said. Employees worked to restore power at the plant. It manufactures chemicals used in the production of synthetic rubber, fuel additives, and other products, officials said.
Source: <http://blog.chron.com/newswatch/2012/06/lightning-strikes-chemical-plant/>
6. *June 19, Abilene Reporter-News* – (Texas) **Hazardous material cleanup continues near Cisco.** A Union Pacific spokeswoman said crews made progress cleaning hazardous materials following a spill that occurred when 24 railcars derailed near Cisco, Texas, June 17. She said it is still unclear why the cars derailed on a bridge west of Cisco. June 19, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) officials said two loads of drilling fluid base oil weighing 205,560 pounds, one load of methanol

measuring 24,002 gallons, two loads of soda ash weighing 440,500 pounds, and one load of hydrate lime weighing 100,180 pounds were dropped in Sandy Creek. The Union Pacific environmental response team, along with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the TCEQ were cleaning the mess, said the spokeswoman, adding the process could take weeks. She said the bridge was inspected the week of June 11. Crews were working to rebuild the bridge, which would be tentatively ready for a test run the week of June 18, the spokeswoman said.

Source: <http://www.reporternews.com/news/2012/jun/19/hazardous-material-cleanup-continues-near-cisco/>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

7. *June 19, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **Air movers recalled by EDIC due to fire hazard.** The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with EDIC, June 19 announced a voluntary recall of about 53,000 air movers/blowers. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. The air mover/blower's internal electrical capacitor can fail and overheat, posing a fire hazard. EDIC is aware of four incidents involving fires that resulted in property damage. The recall involves air movers/blowers that are used to dry floors in homes and other buildings. The movers/blowers were sold to flood remediation contractors and other service professionals nationwide from January 2003 through September 2011.

Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml12/12199.html>

8. *June 19, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **Bel Air lighting recalls outdoor wall mount lanterns due to fire, burn and shock hazards.** The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with Bel Air Lighting Inc., June 19 announced a voluntary recall of about 99,700 outdoor wall mount lanterns. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. An electrical short circuit can occur in the lanterns' internal wiring, posing a risk of fire, and of burns and electric shocks to consumers. The firm has received seven reports of incidents, including two reports of lanterns catching fire. The lanterns were sold at Lowe's stores under the Portfolio brand name and at lighting showrooms.

Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml12/12198.html>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

9. *June 20, Help Net Security* – (International) **Compromised website serving ‘state-sponsored’ 0-day exploit.** The still unpatched Microsoft XML Core Services vulnerability (CVE-2012-1889) that allows attackers to gain the same user rights as the logged on user and execute malicious code remotely is being actively exploited in the wild. According to Sophos, the Web site of a European aeronautical parts supplier was recently compromised and found serving a file infected with code that tries to exploit the zero-day. Given that the vulnerability was recently tied to Google’s warnings about state-sponsored attacks, and given that a “tried-and-trusted method of hacking into large companies and organizations is to target the supply chain,” a Sophos researcher postulates the hackers were counting on personnel with arms manufacturers or defense departments to visit the site and get infected by viewing the page in Internet Explorer. The company was not named but was notified of the problem and has since fixed its site.

Source: [http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=13134&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+HelpNetSecurity+\(Help+Net+Security\)&utm_content=Google+Reader](http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=13134&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+HelpNetSecurity+(Help+Net+Security)&utm_content=Google+Reader)

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Banking and Finance Sector

10. *June 20, Associated Press* – (Nebraska) **Nebraskan pleads guilty to mail fraud.** One of three former Grand Island, Nebraska-based insurance agents accused of defrauding more than 250 investors out of \$29 million pleaded guilty. The Grand Island Independent reported the man pleaded guilty to mail fraud the week of June 11. The man and two others were the principals of First Americans Insurance Service, which had been under investigation since a 2009 bankruptcy filing. The Nebraska attorney general likened First Americans’ alleged fraud to a Ponzi scheme, in which investors are promised unusually high returns and early investors are paid out with money from later investors. The two other principals pleaded not guilty.
Source: http://www.theindependent.com/news/state/nebraskan-pleads-guilty-to-mail-fraud/article_c50df385-5a36-5905-b066-fc0ed4ca938d.html
11. *June 19, CNET* – (International) **Hackers grab customer data, demand cash from payday lender.** Hackers released consumer data stolen from an online loan provider after the company refused to pay an extortion fee, CNET News reported June 19. “On June 12, AmeriCash Advance received a fax, telling us that part of our Web site had been hacked. The letter went on to demand initial payment of \$15,000 from us,” AmeriCash Advance, an online payday cash advance provider, said in a statement. “We immediately notified the appropriate authorities and promptly took steps to ensure that no other data could be accessed. We will not cave in to blackmail, and are cooperating fully with the authorities to protect our customers and bring these criminals to justice.” The breach was limited in scope, and the main concern was the data exposed, which

consists of names, e-mail addresses, last four digits of Social Security numbers, and names of customers' financial institution, could be used for phishing attacks, AmeriCash Advance said. A group of hackers calling themselves "RexMundi" announced the data dump on Twitter. RexMundi also said it released data stolen from Belgian firms AGO-Interim and Dexia Bank, after they failed to pay extortion fees, threatening to release more data and increasing the amount of money demanded.

Source: http://news.cnet.com/8301-1009_3-57456330-83/hackers-grab-customer-data-demand-cash-from-payday-lender/

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Transportation Sector

12. *June 20, KVUE 24 Austin* – (Texas) **I-35 shut down for 7 hours after fatal accident.** Massive cleanup efforts were finished after a tragic accident on Interstate 35 in Austin, Texas. An 18-wheeler hit and killed a pedestrian June 20. The semi truck flipped on its side in the accident and landed on top of the concrete median dividing the southbound and northbound lanes of I-35. Austin police officers were forced to close all southbound lanes and sections of the northbound lanes from East 51st Street to the U.S. 290 flyover. The driver suffered minor injuries and was taken to a medical center. It took about 7 hours to clear the highway.
Source: <http://www.kvue.com/home/Fatal-accident-shuts-down-I-35-southbound-159687365.html>
13. *June 20, ABC News* – (Nevada) **JetBlue flight forced into emergency landing in Las Vegas.** The Federal Aviation Administration has launched an investigation after a mechanical problem on a JetBlue flight from Las Vegas to New York that led to an emergency landing, grounding 135 passengers, ABC News reported June 20. JetBlue confirmed the captain of Flight 194 declared an emergency landing June 17 because of a "mechanical indication" in the cockpit. Officials at Las Vegas' McCarran International Airport said the aircraft had hydraulic problems in the air and had to return to the airport. Once it landed, the aircraft had to be towed to the gate because the front wheels of the plane had become inoperable, airport officials said. The flight was scheduled to leave the airport later that evening.
Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/jetblue-flight-forced-emergency-landing-las-vegas/story?id=16608572#.T-Ins5FgrYQ>
14. *June 19, West Chester Daily Local News* – (Pennsylvania) **Chadds Ford man faces federal charges for airport disruption.** A man was charged June 19 with disrupting the services of the Philadelphia International Airport in Philadelphia March 1, and endangered safety at the airport, a U.S. attorney said. In an affidavit that accompanies the March 2 complaint, an FBI Agent said the suspect crashed his Jeep Grand Cherokee through a locked gate on the perimeter of the airport as an airplane was approaching for landing. After entering the airport area, the man turned onto runway 9R, which was the same runway toward which the incoming plane was approaching. The man then drove

down the runway at high speed, with the plane approaching from his rear. If convicted, he faces a maximum possible sentence of 20 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, up to 3 years of supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment and restitution. The case was investigated by the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force.

Source: http://www.dailylocal.com/article/20120619/NEWS01/120619490/chadds-ford-man-faces-charges-in-airport-incident&pager=full_story

15. *June 15, Washington Post* – (National) **Air traffic controllers aren't keeping to no-doze schedule.** New rules intended to keep air traffic controllers from dozing off on duty have been violated nearly 4,000 times, according to internal Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) documents, the Washington Post reported June 15. A memo to more than 400 frontline FAA managers in June said a 5-month internal review early in 2012 uncovered repeated violations of a requirement that controllers have at least 9 hours off between shifts. More than half of the airport control towers were found to have violated the rule at least once. After discovering the violations, the FAA chief operating officer said the FAA was updating its timekeeping software to prevent controllers from clocking in without 9 hours' rest. The new rules were implemented after a controller fell asleep in 2011 in the tower at Washington, D.C.'s Reagan National Airport and it emerged that such lapses were commonplace at airports across the country.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/trafficandcommuting/air-traffic-controllers-arent-keeping-to-no-doze-schedule/2012/06/15/gJQAJD5FfV_story.html

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Postal and Shipping Sector

Nothing to report

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Agriculture and Food Sector

16. *June 19, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Euphoria Fancy Food Inc. issues an alert on uneviscerated fish.** Euphoria Fancy Food Inc. of Brooklyn, New York, recalled DRIED BREAM discovered by New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets food inspectors during an inspection and subsequent analysis of product by Food Laboratory personnel confirming the fish was not properly eviscerated prior to processing. This product may be contaminated with Clostridium botulinum spores, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported June 19. The sale of this type of fish is prohibited under New York State Agriculture and Markets regulations because Clostridium botulinum spores are more likely to be concentrated in the viscera than any other portion of the fish. The recalled product was sold nationwide. Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm309007.htm>

17. *June 19, Agriculture.com* – (National) **Spider mites moving into dry soybeans.** In the driest areas of the Corn Belt, add spider mites to the list of potential yield-robbers for soybeans, Agriculture.com reported June 19. The hot, dry weather is ideal for 2-spotted spider mites, which holds the potential to inflict some major yield damage to infected fields, said a Purdue University Extension entomologist.
Source: http://www.agriculture.com/news/crops/spider-mites-moving-into-dry-soybes_2-ar24799
18. *June 19, Associated Press* – (Oregon) **Stink bug that targets fruit crops spreads in Ore.** A bug that attacks fruit crops and has caused major damage in the eastern United States showed up in June in the Oregon towns Hood River and Rogue River, both in Orchard County, the Associated Press reported June 19. The brown marmorated stink bug has been in the United States since the 1990s and in Oregon since 2004. However, the latest reports were of concern because the bugs near cherry, apple, and pear crops in the Columbia Gorge and Southern Oregon, said the agricultural publication the Salem Capital Press. In addition to orchard fruit crops, the pest attacks wine grapes and hazelnuts, an Oregon State University entomologist said, putting at risk two prominent Willamette Valley crops.
Source:
http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2018473146_aporstinkbugoregon1stldwritethru.html

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Water Sector

19. *June 20, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **Boil order issued for central Iowa city of Dayton.** A boil order was issued for Dayton, Iowa, June 20. The Iowa Natural Resources Department said maintenance work on the city water tower was making it tough for the city to maintain consistent water pressure. When the pressure drops, the possibility rises for contaminants to enter the system. Officials said that after the tower work is completed and the water supply tests negative for contamination, the boil order would be lifted.
Source: http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/IIA_BOIL_ORDER_DAYTON_IAOL-?SITE=IACOU&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT
20. *June 19, Wall Patch* – (New Jersey) **Water contaminated in two northern Monmouth towns.** Fecal coliform bacteria was found in the Old Bridge, New Jersey water supply in a sample collected on June 15, according to a press release from the Aberdeen director of public works. The contamination may be the result of a construction related event near Bordentown and Ernston Road, the public notice said. The advisory is limited to the north and eastern section of the township that includes the Madison Park and Central Park areas, Ellen Heath, Oxford Estates, Cheesequake Village, and the Laurence Harbor and Cliffwood Beach areas. According to the director, Aberdeen purchases water from Old Bridge for the Cliffwood and Cliffwood

Beach sections of the township. Old Bridge was chlorinating and flushing the water system, according to the public notice. They were increasing sampling for coliform bacteria to determine the source of the contamination. Residents will be informed when tests show no bacteria and it is no longer necessary to boil water. The problem was expected to be resolved within 48 hours, according to the the public notice.

Source: <http://wall.patch.com/articles/water-contaminated-in-two-northern-monmouth-towns>

21. *June 19, WOWK 13 Huntington* – (West Virginia) **Pratt residents get warning about water.** Pratt, West Virginia residents received a notice the week of June 18 from the Kanawha Charleston Health Department stating their water contains levels of haloacetic acid that exceed acceptable levels. The amount of the contaminant cannot exceed a measurement of 60, but the average of 4 readings over a year in Pratt found a level of nearly 66. The notice warned that in large amounts over an extended period of time haloacetic acid can damage the liver, kidneys and nervous system. It also warned residents that it may increase their risk of getting cancer. The water plant operator said the level of the contaminant is an average, and one high reading out of four taken over the year is elevating the average.

Source: <http://www.wowktv.com/story/18829683/pratt-residents-get-warning-about-water>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

22. *June 20, Associated Press* – (Indiana) **Blaze damages historic Bloomington building.** A spokesman from the Bloomington Fire Department told the Bloomington Herald-Times that a fire June 19 caused extensive damage to the Indiana University Health Community Health Building in Bloomington, Indiana. Arriving firefighters found a blaze on the first floor and extending plumes of smoke through the attic of the three-story, historic, limestone building. Crews needed about an hour to put out the fire. The health center director said an employee did not notice any problems when leaving about a half hour before the fire was reported.

Source: http://www.wishtv.com/dpp/news/local/south_central/blaze-damages-historic-bloomington-building

23. *June 20, WSB 2 Atlanta* – (Georgia) **Chemical exposure forces senior center evacuation.** The fire department said that 30 people were evacuated from Summer's Landing Tilly Mill nursing home in Dunwoody, Georgia, June 20 after a bleach-like odor was noticed near a first-floor bathroom. The residents were taken to a nearby church to avoid the heat. Two employees were transported to the hospital after complaints of nausea.

Source: <http://www.wsbtv.com/news/news/local/chemical-exposure-forces-dekalb-nursing-home-evacu/nPZ55/>

24. *June 20, Associated Press* – (Kentucky) **Whooping cough cases rising in northern Kentucky.** Health officials in northern Kentucky are concerned due to a rising number of whooping cough cases. A statement from the Northern Kentucky Health Department June 20 urged vaccinations for infants and booster shots for older children and adults who spend time around infants. There have been 39 cases of whooping cough reported in northern Kentucky since January. Between 2003 and 2009, there was an average of 25 cases reported per year.
Source: <http://www.lex18.com/news/whooping-cough-cases-rising-in-northern-kentucky>
25. *June 19, KIII 3 Corpus Christi* – (Texas) **Assisted living center devastated in overnight fire.** A fire consumed the Coastal Haven Senior Citizens Apartments — an assisted living facility — in Corpus Christi, Texas, June 18, leaving dozens of people homeless. Firefighters worked for hours to control the fire that sparked on a second-floor balcony in building B, which completely destroyed the 30-unit building. Residents scrambled to get out as flames spread from one apartment to the next. The cause of the fire remains under investigation. Fire investigators said the damage is estimated at \$3 million.
Source: <http://www.kiiitv.com/story/18829767/assisted-living-center-devastated-in-overnight-fire>
26. *June 19, DVM Newsmagazine* – (Ohio) **Fire hits Ohio Veterinary Medical Association building.** A fire caused \$105,000 worth of damage to the Ohio Veterinary Medical Association's (OVMA) building in Upper Arlington, Ohio, June 1, DVM Newsmagazine reported June 19. The fire department told the executive director of the OVMA that a lightning strike or an electrical malfunction probably caused the fire. The fire did extensive damage to half of the building and OVMA employees temporarily moved to a new space. The director said it would take around 3 months to complete the repairs to the building.
Source: <http://veterinarynews.dvm360.com/dvm/Veterinary+news/Fire-hits-Ohio-Veterinary-Medical-Association-buil/ArticleStandard/Article/detail/778342?contextCategoryId=378>
27. *June 19, Bangor Daily News* – (Maine) **Police investigating robbery at CVS pharmacy in Augusta.** A robbery took place at a CVS in Augusta, Maine, June 18. A public safety spokesman said the robbery marks the twenty-third pharmacy robbery in Maine so far in 2012. No arrests were made, and no further details were immediately available.
Source: <http://bangordailynews.com/2012/06/19/news/police-investigating-robbery-at-cvs-pharmacy-in-augusta/?ref=latest>
28. *June 19, Reuters* – (Florida; International) **U.S. healthcare fraud scheme funneled money to Cuba.** A man described as “a financier for fraudsters” was arrested by the FBI and appeared at a detention hearing in federal court in Miami June 18 after being charged with playing a central role in a money-laundering operation that funneled about \$31 million in proceeds from a Medicare fraud scheme into Cuban banks in Havana. A grand jury indictment, unsealed June 13, charged the Cuban-born U.S.

citizen with conspiracy to commit money laundering through a syndicate with links from Montreal and Trinidad to Cuba from about April 2005 through October 2009. He faces up to 20 years in prison on the conspiracy charge. Prosecutors are also seeking forfeiture of more than \$22 million in Florida real estate and other property purchased in his name, according to court documents. The Miami Herald said it was the first case that directly traced money stolen from Medicare into the Cuban banking system. Miami has long been described by law enforcement officials as a hub for healthcare fraud in the United States, and many suspects arrested for Medicare fraud schemes there have been Cuban Americans.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/sns-rt-us-usa-cuba-fraudbre85i1sk-20120619,0,6358126.story>

29. *June 19, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Nidek Medical Products, Inc. issues an Urgent Medical Device Correction affecting oxygen concentrators.** Nidek Medical Products, Inc., announced June 18 that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) classified Nidek’s voluntary recall action regarding capacitor-related fires in Medical Mark5 Nuvo Lite Oxygen concentrators as a Class I recall. The devices were manufactured and distributed from January 2004 through May 2010 with serial numbers in the range of 042-10000 through 102-09335. The reason for the field correction is a capacitor component inside the concentrators was found in some instances to fail, which has resulted in residential and nursing home fires, and loss of supplemental oxygen supply. To date, recipients of more than 95 percent of affected concentrators have been notified. Consumers should notify their equipment providers if they have an affected product in their home or place of business. Patients may continue to use the device while waiting for correction.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm308840.htm>

30. *June 18, WALB 10 Albany* – (Georgia) **Drug shortage in hospitals continues to grow.** There is a growing drug shortage in Georgia hospitals particularly chemotherapy drugs and anesthesia, WALB 10 Albany reported June 18. Some shortages are because of manufacturing problems at drug plants. A pharmacist at Colquitt Regional Medical Center believes most of the shortages are due to pharmaceutical companies deciding not to make generic drugs because the profit margin is lower. For now, hospitals use the drugs on a first come first serve basis.

Source: <http://www.walb.com/story/18818681/drug-shortage-in-hospitals-continues-to-grow>

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Government Facilities Sector

31. *June 20, MTN News* – (Montana) **Custodian, 5 former students implicated in Capital High School vandalism.** Charges were filed against six people in illegal access and vandalism incidents at Capital High School in Helena, Montana, in May, MTN News reported June 20. The suspects include five former students and a janitor. After viewing surveillance from cameras, the school resource officer developed many suspects. The incidents occurred on two occasions, May 28 and May 31, when suspects

entered illegally and destroyed school property. The custodian working the night of the crimes was charged for helping the suspects who caused the damage. The school district indicated the approximate damage, including labor costs, is around \$6,100. The charges range from accountability to burglary and felony criminal mischief. The charges claim the custodian knew about the incidents and even gave the students the best time of when to come into the school. He may also have provided a master key. Source: <http://www.kbzk.com/news/custodian-5-former-students-implicated-in-capital-high-school-vandalism/>

32. *June 20, St. Paul Pioneer Press; Associated Press* – (Minnesota) **Duluth flooding: Travel dangerous; I-35 closed; evacuations advised in some areas.** Major flooding in and around Duluth, Minnesota, shut down city offices, closed two college campuses, isolated neighborhoods, drowned zoo animals, and closed State parks, pushing the mayor to declare a state of emergency after more than 9 inches of rain fell across areas of northeastern Minnesota. Steady, torrential rain closed Interstate 35 and downtown tunnels in Duluth. Police said sinkholes and washouts made travel dangerous. Emergency management officials said half of the Fond du Lac area, and part of Thomson were under evacuation orders because of the rising St. Louis River. The governor declared a state of emergency and directed the adjutant general of Minnesota to direct any needed personnel and equipment to the region. Officials opened two evacuation sites: Copper Top Church in Duluth and Carlton High School. The Red Cross sent three emergency-response vehicles in case mass feeding was necessary. Duluth city offices shut down early June 20 and were slated to reopen by June 21. Lake County 9-1-1 was not available early June 20, but Itasca County was handling their emergency calls. Firefighters and police officers helped Lake Superior Zoo staff track down animals lost when their enclosures apparently flooded. About 11 animals died and a few were not accounted for. With roadways impassable and rain continuing, the police chief and mayor asked residents to stay off roads. The flooding forced the University of Minnesota-Duluth and the University of Wisconsin-Superior campuses to close June 20. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) reported June 20 that Savanna Portage and Jay Cooke State parks, west of Duluth, would be closed until further notice. The Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area had major washouts, mud slides, and downed trees, and the trail system for mountain bikes was closed. A fiber optic cable broke in the Knife River area, disrupting communications, said the MDNR's northeast region information officer. Source: http://www.twincities.com/allheadlines/ci_20897705/flooding-around-duluth-causes-evacuations-closures
33. *June 19, Modesto Bee* – (California) **Sonora man rearrested on fake bomb charge.** Using DNA evidence, the Sonora, California Police Department arrested a man accused of planting a fake bomb in 2011 at the Tuolumne County Courthouse, the Modesto Bee reported June 19. The suspect was arrested over the weekend of June 16 on suspicion of placing a false bomb on government property, the Sonora police chief said. In November 2011, authorities evacuated the courthouse when someone found three red cylinders taped together in a canvas bag near the north entrance. A wire connected the cylinders to a black box. The courthouse was evacuated for about 2 hours and traffic was diverted. The Calaveras County Sheriff's Department bomb squad

determined the device was not explosive. The suspect had been in court the day of the evacuation for a felony domestic violence case. He was remanded to custody that day and sentenced to 1 year in jail. During the investigation, the suspect contacted Sonora police from jail to implicate someone else in the fake bomb incident in an effort to bargain for a reduced sentence, the police chief said.

Source: <http://www.modbee.com/2012/06/19/2248625/arrest-made-in-tuolumne-county.html>

34. *June 19, WNBC 4 New York* – (New Jersey) **NJ courthouse where workers became ill staying closed.** The Monmouth County Courthouse will remain closed for at least 1 more day while testing is done to determine why dozens of staffers have become ill there in recent days. County officials said the building in Freehold, New Jersey, would be shuttered again June 20, though they hope to reopen June 21. Bare-bones court operations were continuing at other sites in the county. The courthouse has been closed since the afternoon of June 18, when 25 people were hospitalized and roughly 40 more were treated for symptoms that included nausea, skin rashes, breathing difficulties and chest pains. That outbreak came after 17 staffers had experienced similar symptoms June 15. Authorities initially thought those workers had reactions to a freshly cut flower that a colleague had brought into the building, but that theory has now been ruled out.

Source: <http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/Monmouth-County-Courthouse-Closed-Wednesday-Sickened-Testing-Ill-159640115.html>

35. *June 19, KXLY 4 Spokane* – (Washington) **Security station moved at Spokane County Courthouse.** The Spokane County Courthouse in Washington State moved a security screening station the weekend of June 16 for safety reasons. The station was moved ahead of the High Noon sandwich shop entrance so security could better monitor who is entering the annex connected to courtrooms on the same floor and above. It has been an ongoing process, said the courthouse's risk management director. A campus security committee that meets on a quarterly basis to assess and identify vulnerable areas in the building requested the change.

Source: <http://spokanecounty.kxly.com/news/crime/83804-security-station-moved-spokane-county-courthouse>

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Emergency Services Sector

36. *June 20, Monterey County Herald* – (California) **18 seriously injured in riot at Salinas Valley State Prison.** A riot involving more than 150 inmates at Salinas Valley State Prison in Soledad, California, left at least 18 men seriously injured June 19, corrections officials said. Eleven inmates suffered injuries, ranging from stab and slash wounds to head trauma, were taken to outside hospitals, said a corrections spokeswoman. One man was airlifted to a trauma center, while the other 10 were taken away in ground ambulances. Seven more were treated in the prison's medical facility.

The violence erupted shortly after 11 a.m. while the inmates were out on their facility's yard. The spokeswoman said one staff member suffered a back injury, but no staffers were hurt by any inmates. A police lieutenant said 159 prisoners took part in the riot, but it was quickly quelled with pepper spray and "less-than-lethal force." However, dealing with the ensuing medical emergency took most of the day. He said the prison remained on lockdown while the cause of the riot was investigated.

Source: http://www.contracostatimes.com/california/ci_20891415/riot-breaks-out-at-salinas-valley-prison

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Source: http://www.contracostatimes.com/california/ci_20891415/riot-breaks-out-at-salinas-valley-prison

38. *June 20, Associated Press* – (New Jersey; Texas) **Coast Guard: Similarities in Texas, NJ hoax calls.** Similarities in a caller's voice and phrasings have led the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) to believe there is a link between a hoax distress call reporting a yacht explosion off New Jersey and a mayday call in Texas that took place in May. A USCG captain said June 20 authorities were investigating a possible link after noticing the calls' similarities. The hoax emergency call from the yacht came in June 11. The caller claimed there were three dead, nine injured, and 20 in the water off Sandy Hook, New Jersey. Nothing was found, and authorities later determined the hoax call came from land. In May, the USCG searched for six people reported missing after a mayday call saying they were abandoning their sinking fishing boat in the waters off Galveston, Texas.

Source: <http://www.vcstar.com/news/2012/jun/20/coast-guard-to-reveal-lead-in-hoax-yacht/>

39. *June 19, Detroit Free Press* – (Michigan) **Detroit police volunteer accused of playing fake cop.** For the second time in 2 months, a volunteer with a citizen crime-fighting

organization in Detroit has been accused of wrongdoing. June 18, the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office said two Detroiters — one of whom was a volunteer with the Detroit 300 — were facing charges of impersonating police officers. The prosecutor's office announced both individuals were arraigned June 17, on the misdemeanor offenses of impersonating a public officer and brandishing a firearm in public. According to a statement by the Detroit 300, only one of the two was involved with the group. They are accused of going to a home of a man in Detroit June 16, and identifying themselves as police officers.

Source: <http://www.officer.com/news/10731329/detroit-police-volunteer-accused-of-playing-fake-cop>

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Information Technology Sector

40. *June 20, Softpedia* – (International) **Kayak.com customer identifies security breach, firm investigates.** While trying to find trip reservation details on Kayak.com, a user found he was able to access the bookings made by other people that shared his last name. According to the Toronto Star, he posted the issue on the FlyerTalk forum. A few hours after the user made the incident public, Kayak.com's chief technology officer (CTO) and co-founder joined the conversation, but by that time many users already posted sensitive data on the forum. "We have made a fix to our production servers. I will give more info soon. I would appreciate it if you would not post any personal information on this forum or elsewhere," the CTO and co-founder wrote. "Protocol for security breaches is to contact them company and give them time to respond before you go public, as doing so will contribute to risk of someone's info being taken. We've made a fix to production, and we're doing more testing and locking down," he added. Shortly after, he posted an update on Kayak.com to detail the incident and reassure customers their financial details were not exposed.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Kayak-com-Customer-Identifies-Security-Breach-Firm-Investigates-276578.shtml>
41. *June 19, Ars Technica* – (International) **Google bots detect 9,500 new malicious websites every day.** Google adds 9,500 new Web sites every day to its running list of malicious Internet destinations so the company can warn end users before they visit the sites, a member of the company's security team said. But attackers have adapted, and Web addresses for many phishing sites remain active for less than an hour so they will not be detected. Many sites distributing malware similarly try to avoid detection by rapidly changing their location using free Web hosting services, dynamic DNS records, and automated generation of new domain names.
Source: <http://arstechnica.com/security/2012/06/google-detects-9500-new-malicious-websites-daily/>
42. *June 19, CNET* – (International) **Face.com plugs Facebook, Twitter hijacking hole.** A hole in the Face.com mobile app KLIK was closed after a researcher

discovered it could be used to hijack Facebook and Twitter accounts. KLIK allows users to tag faces in photos using Facebook, which recently acquired Face.com. However, a privacy and security researcher found it also allowed anyone to hijack a KLIK user's accounts on Facebook and Twitter to obtain access to photos that were private. The problem arose because Face.com was storing Facebook and Twitter OAUTH authorization tokens on servers insecurely. The researcher said he waited to disclose the problem publicly until after it was resolved.

Source: http://news.cnet.com/8301-1009_3-57456614-83/face.com-plugs-facebook-twitter-hijacking-hole/

43. *June 19, Dark Reading* – (International) **Advanced JavaScript attack threatens SOHO routers.** A technique for sending requests to devices on an internal network could be used by online attackers to compromise home and small-business routers, according to two AppSec Consulting researchers who plan to demonstrate the attack at the Black Hat security conference in July. The two researchers build on a technique demonstrated at the Black Hat conference in 2006, using a combination of JavaScript and cross-site request forgery to send requests to devices on an internal network from an external Web site. “With this attack, you can actually start compromising network devices with little to zero user intervention,” said one of the researchers.
Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/advanced-threats/167901091/security/attacks-breaches/240002367/>
44. *June 18, SC Magazine* – (International) **iTunes vulnerability may enable remote code execution.** Researchers unveiled a flaw in iTunes that could allow cyber criminals to execute remote code on target machines. A researcher at Zero Science Lab, a Macedonian information security company, announced in a blog post that the heap buffer overflow vulnerability is caused by a boundary error that occurs while playlist files are processed. Attackers who exploit the weakness to bait victims can do so through downloaded malicious data veiled as music. The defect, which affects versions 10.6.1 and 10.6.0 of iTunes, was patched the week of June 11 in version 10.6.3 of the music player.
Source: <http://www.scmagazine.com/itunes-vulnerability-may-enable-remote-code-execution/article/246207/>

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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

45. *June 19, IDG News Service* – (National; International) **Cloud failures cost more than \$70 million since 2007, researchers estimate.** A total of 568 hours of downtime at 13 well-known cloud services since 2007 had an economic impact of more than \$71.7 million, said the International Working Group on Cloud Computing Resiliency (IWGCR) June 18. The average unavailability of cloud services is 7.5 hours per year, amounting to an availability rate of 99.9 percent, according to the group’s preliminary results. As a comparison, the service average unavailability for electricity in a modern capital is less than 15 minutes per year,” the researchers noted in their paper. It is the first time the group, formed in March 2012 by Telecom ParisTech and Paris 13 University, published what it calls the Availability Ranking of World Cloud Computing (ARWC). As cloud services appeal more and more to government agencies and global businesses, it becomes more important the provided services are reliable, especially when the systems are mission critical, the researchers said. The lack of cloud reliability is not commonly known by the industry, they added. Their research is based on press reports of cloud outages at services such as Twitter, Facebook, Amazon, Microsoft, Google, Yahoo, and Paypal, among others.

Source:

http://www.pcworld.com/businesscenter/article/257860/cloud_failures_cost_more_than_70_million_since_2007_researchers_estimate.html

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Commercial Facilities Sector

46. *June 20, Associated Press* – (Tennessee) **Gas explosion at Opryland Hotel forces evacuation.** A gas explosion at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee, caused the evacuation of over 5,000 guests late June 19, but guests were allowed back inside early June 20. A captain of the Nashville Fire Department said the explosion occurred in the convention center portion of the hotel away from guest rooms. He said it appeared a gas leak was ignited inside a mechanical room on the first floor, causing significant damage to an escalator, walls, and ceiling. He said the blast was so strong it damaged ceiling tiles on the third floor of the convention center. Hundreds of sheriffs from around the country were staying at the convention center for the 2012 National Sheriffs Association. The captain said the cause of the fire was investigated by the State bomb and arson squad, along with FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, but suspicious activity was ruled out.

Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2012/06/20/gas-explosion-at-opryland-hotel-forces-evacuation541193/>

47. *June 20, WTMJ 620 AM Milwaukee* – (Wisconsin) **Building collapses after five-alarm fire near downtown Milwaukee.** Approximately 150 firefighters battled a five-

alarm fire near downtown Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 20 at a building that has collapsed. A Milwaukee Fire Department battalion chief said one firefighter was injured while fighting the fire. Firefighters had to battle the fire from a defensive position, due to the severity of the fire. The Cogs Human Resources Center located across the street from the building closed for the day June 20. Smoke was causing visibility issues for drivers. Milwaukee police officers were closing streets near the area. The Milwaukee County Transit System rerouted two bus routes. Fire department staffers said they expected firefighters to be on the scene for most of the day.
Source: <http://www.620wtmj.com/news/local/159705545.html>

48. *June 19, Arizona Republic* – (Arizona) **Acid leak forces Casa Grande evacuation of pool, neighborhood.** A leaking 55-gallon drum of muriatic acid in Casa Grande, Arizona, forced the evacuation of a city pool and neighborhood June 19. A city worker saw fluid leaking under the door of where the container was placed upon delivery, according to a battalion chief from the Casa Grande Fire Department. People in the pool were evacuated to a nearby school and all were safe, officials said. The pool was shut down. Residents in homes east of the pool were told they could voluntarily evacuate as a precaution. The leak was contained to the area and remained under investigation for about 5 hours.
Source: <http://www.azcentral.com/community/pinal/articles/2012/06/19/20120619casa-grande-acid-leak-evacuation-abrk.html>
49. *June 19, KGW 8 Portland* – (Texas) **30 teens ‘flash rob’ grocery store.** A mob of about 30 to 40 teens targeted a Troutdale, Oregon store June 16, stealing goods and trashing the place. Investigators said they all entered the Albertsons store at the same time and started stealing things. Security officers chased the thieves out, but no one was captured. “Basically it looks like they went in, just to cause chaos, which they accomplished,” said an official with the Troutdale Police Department. Customers said the store employees were overwhelmed and outnumbered. This was one of several flash mob-style robberies being investigated in the Portland Metro area in recent months.
Source: <http://www.kvue.com/news/30-teens-flash-rob-grocery-store-159616975.html>
50. *June 19, Arizona Republic* – (Arizona) **Gilbert warehouse fire caused by discarded cigarette.** The massive six-alarm fire that destroyed the warehouse of a Gilbert, Arizona plumbing supply company June 18 caused an estimated \$8 million in damage and was caused by a discarded cigarette, a Gilbert Fire Department spokesman said June 19. The fire destroyed the outdoor warehouse of Farnsworth Wholesale. A fire captain said someone apparently threw a cigarette into an area where there were cardboard boxes containing fiberglass bathtubs. No charges are planned because there is no evidence the fire was intentional, he said, adding the fire occurred in a public area and it is unclear if it was started by an employee or a visitor. The fire was fought by 193 firefighters from 4 fire departments. An official said the Union Pacific Railway shut down a line as a safety precaution as thick black smoke enveloped the area. Railroad ties also were damaged and crews were dispatched to begin repairs about 3 hours after the fire started. A police official said residents on one street east of the fire site were voluntarily evacuated as a precaution. The evacuation lasted for about 2 hours so that air quality readings could be obtained to assure the safety of residents. Embers

from the fire, whipped by high winds, also ignited palm trees in the neighborhood.

Source: <http://www.azcentral.com/12news/news/articles/2012/06/19/20120619gilbert-fire-caused-8-million-damage-brk.html>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

51. *June 20, Associated Press* – (California) **Lake Isabella fire 35 percent contained.** A 300-acre fire near California's Lake Isabella is 35 percent contained, U.S. Forest Service officials said June 20. Two hundred firefighters were battling the blaze on the northwest side of the lake and 200 more were on the way, said a Forest Service spokeswoman. About 160 structures, including homes and cabins, and a campground near Sequoia National Park were evacuated. The Lake Isabella Senior Center was being used as an evacuation center. In San Diego County, California, a 995-acre, 3-day-old wildfire near Campo was 95 percent contained, said a California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection captain. Evacuation orders were lifted June 19 and residents from 150 homes had all been allowed to return. Full containment was expected by June 21 at the latest. One mobile home and one recreational vehicle were destroyed. Two minor firefighter injuries were reported. The Campo fire started June 17 near the Golden Acorn Casino and sent flames burning along Old Highway 80.
Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2012/06/20/4575343/fire-threatens-dozens-of-homes.html>
52. *June 20, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **High Park fire update: Cooler weather brings relief to firefighters.** Cooler temperatures in Colorado, June 20 were expected to help the fight against a 102-square-mile fire in northern Colorado and a 1.7-square-mile wildfire near Lake George. A fire that broke out June 19 near Craig spread to about 3 square miles, forcing some evacuations in a subdivision. However, the Craig Daily Press reported the evacuation was lifted and firefighters planned to begin cleanup operations. The northern Colorado High Park fire burning west of Fort Collins was 55 percent contained. The fire triggered hundreds of evacuations and destroyed at least 189 homes. The fire near Lake George was 23 percent contained.
Source:
<http://www.greeleytribune.com/article/20120620/NEWS/120629999/1002&parentprofile=1001>
53. *June 19, Arizona Republic News; KPNX 12 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **Arizona wildfires: Fox, Poco blazes grow.** Two of the most recently ignited fires burning in Arizona's forests grew June 18. The Fox Fire, one of the wildfires that started during the weekend of June 16 in the Coronado National Forest, jumped to 3,400 acres. It was 10 percent contained as of June 19. The Poco Fire, which was burning 6 miles northeast of Young, Arizona, in the Tonto National Forest, was estimated to have consumed 3,700 acres and was 15 percent contained. The Sunflower Fire, which burned 17,618 acres 20 miles from Payson and was 80 percent contained; and the 257 Fire, which burned 2,860 acres

4 miles southeast of Superior and was 85 percent contained.

Source: <http://www.azcentral.com/12news/news/articles/2012/06/19/20120619arizona-wildfires-fox-poco-blazes-grow.html>

54. *June 19, Farmington Daily Times* – (New Mexico) **San Juan County fire is biggest in decade.** The largest county brush fire in nearly a decade consumed an estimated 352 acres June 18, New Mexico State and county fire officials said June 19. The County Road 4901 Fire June 18 ripped through 6 miles of riverfront property on the San Juan River east of Bloomfield. The fire destroyed five homes, three of which were occupied. Another 12 outbuildings also were destroyed. Fire crews had the fire 50 percent contained as of June 19. The fire was expected to cost the State several hundred thousand dollars, about 75 percent of which is to be covered by an emergency assistance grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Source: http://www.daily-times.com/ci_20895567/san-juan-county-fire-is-biggest-decade

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Dams Sector

55. *June 20, Philippine Daily Inquirer* – (International) **La Mesa Dam downgrades alert.** Authorities lowered the alert status at the La Mesa Dam in Quezon City, Philippines, June 20 from red to yellow as the water level at the reservoir continued to fall, Manila Water Co., which monitors the Angat-Ipo-La Mesa Dam Raw Water System said. The water level at La Mesa eased to 79.57 meters, the Manila Water corporate communications chief said. He explained officials with the water utility get concerned whenever the water level at La Mesa Dam breaches 79.40 meters. A red alert was declared amid heavy rains earlier the week of June 18 around the reservoir, which is a spill dam. The level at which water starts to overflow is 80.15 meters. The excess water flows into the Tullahan River, which flows through the northern part of Quezon City, including the Fairview area, as well as the cities of Malabon, Valenzuela, and Caloocan. The river drains into Manila Bay.

Source: <http://newsinfo.inquirer.net/215821/la-mesa-dam-downgrades-alert>

56. *June 20, Wilkes-Barre Citizens Voice* – (Pennsylvania) **Levee repairs slated to begin in 2 weeks.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will start repairing Luzerne County, Pennsylvania's levee system during the week of July 2, the county Flood Protection Director said June 19. The federal government plans to spend at least \$2 million fixing damage to the levee system sustained during September 2011 while preventing flooding from the Susquehanna River. The levees can still hold back the river at flood stages before the damage is fixed, officials said. The river surged to a record crest of 42.66 feet in Wilkes-Barre September 9, 2011, causing damage to more than 2,000 unprotected properties in the county. The 15-mile levee system can withstand up to 44 feet of water and protected more than 14,000 properties in Wilkes-Barre and neighboring communities. The Corps plans to have its employees repair relief wells by

levees, temporary flood walls installed during flood stages. In August, the Corps will start repairing sluice gates, and in October, the Corps plans to repair boils where floodwater began to seep under levees, officials said.

Source: <http://citizensvoice.com/news/levee-repairs-slated-to-begin-in-2-weeks-1.1332303>

57. *June 20, Rochester Post-Bulletin* – (Minnesota) **Goodhue County 7 badly damaged by flooding.** Portions of Goodhue County, Minnesota, were hit with up to 10 inches of rain the week of June 11 and another 2 inches June 18, with additional storms expected the rest of the week. Damage estimates remained unclear June 20, but travel in and around the rural Cannon Falls area remained difficult. Highway 19 was already closed for repairs, and Goodhue County Road 7 was badly damaged by the flood. About 40 feet of retaining wall near Welch was wiped out by the water and another 40 feet is “ready to tumble at any time,” the public works director said. Three dikes on the county road were “taken out” between Welch and Vasa, along with 150 feet of the road’s shoulder. The Welch Mill Canoeing & Tubing operation on County 7 has also been shut down as the Cannon River has been deemed unsafe after reaching the 20-foot level. With additional storms predicted, county employees were working overtime to ensure citizens have road access once the waters recede.

Source: <http://www.postbulletin.com/news/stories/display.php?id=1500251>

58. *June 19, Associated Press* – (Missouri) **Protest letter brings halt to Birds Point repairs.** Repairs to the Birds Point levee along the Mississippi River in Missouri were temporarily halted after someone sent a protest letter to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Associated Press reported June 19. The Corps received the letter earlier in June protesting the contract to reconstruct the southeast Missouri levee, which was intentionally breached in 2011. The agency awarded three companies \$20 million in contracts in May to repair the levee. Work now must be stopped until the Corps reviews the protest and issues a decision. The Corps used explosives to blow the levee in spring 2011 in part to protect neighboring Cairo from Mississippi River flooding but inundated 130,000 acres of farmland.

Source: <http://www.kait8.com/story/14883227/protest-letter-brings-halt-to-birds-point-repairs>

59. *June 19, Oak Park Landmark* – (Illinois) **Hofmann Dam removal begins today.** The removal of Hofmann Dam in Riverside, Illinois, began June 19 when an excavator outfitted with a jackhammer will chip away at the center of the dam, creating a 30-foot notch. The village board gave permission to move ahead with work June 11. After 2 days, officials expect the notch to be taken down to bedrock. By June 25 the water behind the dam should equalize with the water downstream. If there are no interruptions due to weather or other factors, the entire 150-foot-wide notch in the dam should be complete in 10 more working days, by July 7.

Source:

<http://www.rblandmark.com/main.asp?SectionID=1&SubSectionID=1&ArticleID=9117>



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