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- Minnesota officials said flooding June 20 damaged 1,400 miles of roads in one county alone. They said repairs to roads, sewers, storm drainage systems, homes, and other property in the Duluth area would cost more than \$100 million. – *Minnesota Public Radio* (See item [14](#))
- Experts said a new piece of malware caused hundreds of organizations worldwide to waste reams of paper by causing their printers to print out gibberish until they run out of paper. – *Ars Technica* (See item [44](#))
- More than 70 people were sent to Indianapolis hospitals June 21 after being overcome by fumes from a water-purification chemical at a city pool. – *USA Today* (See item [50](#))
- Wildfires in Utah, Colorado, and at least four other states destroyed hundreds of buildings and forced hundreds of people to evacuate. Fires also obliterated hundreds of square miles of federal and State land, and threatened campgrounds and utilities. – *Associated Press* (See item [53](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *June 22, Associated Press* – (National) **OSHA issues alert related to hydraulic fracturing.** June 21, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) issued a hazard alert aimed at protecting workers at hydraulic fracturing operations from silica exposure. The OSHA and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health said workers who regularly breathe silica are at greater risk of developing silicosis. They indicate silica also is linked to lung cancer and tuberculosis. A hazard alert they issued describes how engineering controls, work practices, protective equipment, worker training, and product substitution can protect employees. Hydraulic fracturing involves blasting rock with water, sand, and chemicals to extract oil and natural gas. Crystalline silica is part of sand.
Source: <http://www.thedickinsonpress.com/event/article/id/59169/group/homepage/>

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Chemical Industry Sector

2. *June 22, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **DEQ investigates benzene spill at ExxonMobil BR.** ExxonMobil said the benzene release June 14 at its chemical plant in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was far bigger than the 10 pounds reported then, and could be as much as 28,700 pounds, according to a Associated Press report June 22. That estimate is in a required report to the State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) about the spill of naphtha, which contains benzene. The Baton Rouge Advocate reported the DEQ began an investigation June 21, a day after getting the report. The agency's assistant secretary said part of the investigation is examining when ExxonMobil Chemical Plant officials learned how much bigger the spill actually was. The inspection division administrator said initial estimates of releases are usually inaccurate as facilities work to get information out fast. However, he said companies must report changed estimates as they discover them.
Source: <http://www.wlox.com/story/18854275/deq-investigates-benzene-spill-at-exxonmobil-br>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

3. *June 22, Chattanooga Times Free Press* – (Tennessee) **TVA's Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant not ready for inspection.** Tennessee Valley Authority's (TVA) Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant vice president told the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) June 21 that the plant in Athens, Alabama, was still not ready for a third and final special inspection to clear a reactor's "red" safety rating. The NRC placed Browns Ferry in a

red rating after it was determined in October 2010 that a valve intended to help cool the Unit 1 reactor in emergencies had not been functional in the previous 18 months. A red rating is issued when NRC believes an entire plant has issues of “high safety significance.” The NRC already has made two sets of follow-up inspections on its schedule, but under NRC policy, TVA will set the final schedule. A TVA spokesman said the utility hopes to be ready to invite NRC to inspect its progress in late 2012 or early 2013. The spokesman said TVA has reviewed 5 years of past plant problems and brought in an independent consultant to look at the utility’s safety culture, as well. Source: <http://timesfreepress.com/news/2012/jun/22/tva-browns-ferry-not-ready-for-inspection/>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

4. *June 22, Associated Press* – (National) **Chrysler 200 engine stall investigated by federal safety regulators.** Federal safety regulators were investigating complaints about engine stalling in some Chrysler 200 midsize sedans, the Associated Press reported June 22. The probe includes about 87,000 of the cars from the 2011 model year that have 3.6-liter V-6 engines. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said it received 15 complaints that the engines stall without warning while coasting to a stop. The probe could lead to a recall. The safety agency said it was looking into how often the problem happens. Source: <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/huff-wires/20120622/us-chrysler-200-investigation/>
5. *June 22, Appliance Magazine* – (South Carolina) **Husqvarna plant fire stalls production in Orangeburg.** A fire in the powder coating section of the Husqvarna plant in Orangeburg, South Carolina, temporarily stopped production June 19. The plant suffered about \$50,000 in damage to a powder coating booth and \$50,000 in damage to the roof of the building. The Orangeburg plant has had problems in the last 18 months assimilating the production of zero-turn lawn mowers from Husqvarna’s Beatrice, Nebraska plant. Husqvarna Group reported the Orangeburg problems had a negative impact on 2011 operating income, attributing \$61 million in expenses to costs related to manufacturing problems at the plant. Source: <http://www.appliancemagazine.com/news.php?article=1592014&zone=0&first=1>
6. *June 22, CNN* – (National) **GM recalling over 400,000 Chevy Cruzes.** General Motors announced the recall of 413,418 Chevrolet Cruze compact cars to modify an engine shield that could trap spilled engine oil or leaked hydraulic fluid, which may lead to a fire, CNN reported June 22. During oil changes, if oil is spilled or dripped, it could become trapped by the engine shield. Also, in cars with manual transmissions, driving with a worn clutch can cause burning hydraulic fluid to squirt from the clutch housing. The flaming fluid can ignite the engine shield leading to an engine compartment fire. The recalls involve all Cruzes built in the United States from September 2010 through May 2012. The recall follows a preliminary investigation by

the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration into two engine compartment fires in 2011 Chevrolet Cruzes.

Source: http://money.cnn.com/2012/06/22/autos/chevrolet-cruze-recall/index.htm?hpt=hp_t1

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Banking and Finance Sector

7. *June 22, H Security* – (International) **Android application reads credit card data over NFC.** A German security consultant has published an Android application that is able to read details from contactless credit cards over a near field communication (NFC) connection, H Security reported June 22. The open source application was available in Google's Play store for a while but was removed. Its code is still hosted on GitHub. The paycardreader application has been successfully tested with a German PayPass Mastercard and it also works on the electronic payment system GeldKarte, which is popular in Germany. The consultant said he wrote the application for demonstration purposes only. The application needs an NFC-enabled smartphone to work and is still considered unstable at the moment.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Android-application-reads-credit-card-data-over-NFC-1623802.html>
8. *June 22, South Florida Business Journal* – (Florida) **Thieves disguise wireless camera to swipe ATM PINs.** Cameras disguised as speakers on ATMs in south Florida were used to rip off 800 victims at a cost of \$112,478 to JPMorgan Chase, the U.S. attorney's office said. The scheme was described as part of the sentencing of two Bulgarians who pleaded guilty June 22. The charges were access device fraud and aggravated identity theft. The defendants consented to forfeiture of computers and \$12,673 in cash. The two men installed a wireless camera disguised as a speaker to record customers typing their PIN numbers and transmitted the footage to a cellphone, a news release from the U.S. attorney's office said. The defendants then re-encoded this information onto Visa gift or debit cards and store gift cards, which were used to withdraw cash from the customers' accounts at ATMs throughout south Florida.
Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/southflorida/news/2012/06/22/sentences-made-in-id-theft-case.html>
9. *June 21, San Jose Business Journal* – (California; International) **Ex-hedge fund manager convicted in Silicon Valley.** A federal grand jury convicted a former manager of a Sunnyvale, California hedge fund for stealing millions of dollars through fraud, the San Jose Business Journal reported June 21. The former manager faces up to 5 years in federal prison on seven counts of wire fraud in connection with deals in

which investors lost an estimated \$5 million. Prosecutors claimed the man, who was arrested in Hong Kong in 2009, falsely claimed his hedge fund was backed by prominent law firms and auditors. He allegedly told his wealthy clients that Asenqua Beta Fund and Fireside LS Fund would bring returns of 20 to 30 percent. Prosecutors accused him of using the money for himself and diverting funds to overseas accounts before fleeing the country.

Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/sanjose/news/2012/06/21/ex-hedge-fund-manager-convicted-in.html>

10. *June 21, WWL 4 New Orleans* – (Louisiana) **Paw-Paw bandit pleads guilty to 5 bank robberies - sentenced to 4 years.** The man dubbed the “Paw-Paw” bandit admitted to robbing five banks in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, in the summer of 2011 and was sentenced to 4 years in prison, WWL 4 New Orleans reported June 21. According to the U.S. attorney’s office, the man was sentenced for his role in the August 5, 2011 robbery of the Whitney National Bank at 4845 Veterans Boulevard. In connection with the plea on that robbery, the man admitted he robbed four other banks in the preceding weeks: 1) Whitney National Bank at 2609 Veterans Memorial Boulevard June 10, 2011, 2) Capitol One Bank at 1501 Veterans Memorial Boulevard June 24, 2011, 3) Whitney National Bank at 3060 North Causeway Boulevard July 8, 2011, and 4) Capitol One Bank at 2200 North Causeway Boulevard July 16, 2011.

Source: <http://www.wwltv.com/news/crime/Paw-Paw-bandit-pleads-guilty-to-5-bank-robberies---sentenced-to-4-years-159948495.html>

11. *June 21, Minneapolis Star Tribune* – (Minnesota; National) **State worker stole IDs for fraud.** Applications that psychologists made to the Minnesota Board of Psychology to get or renew their licenses delivered information to a receptionist working with a crime ring to defraud banks and retailers in 14 states, the Minneapolis Star Tribune reported June 21. The receptionist was the latest of several people in a position of trust to plead guilty to the identity fraud ring that involved more than 30 people and at least \$2 million in fraudulent purchases and bank withdrawals. In federal court the prosecution described how the receptionist passed along Social Security numbers and bank account data of psychologists to other members of the ring that victimized 42 people. The alleged conspirators would pilfer financial information and identities from cars, businesses, trash cans, and mailboxes, and they obtained some information from employees at certain businesses, including banks, who had access to customer records. The indictment said the ring hit accounts at 29 financial institutions.

Source: <http://www.startribune.com/local/159923225.html>

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Transportation Sector

12. *June 22, Pueblo Chieftan* – (Colorado) **U.S. 50 reopens; fire contained.** A 6-acre blaze in Canon City, Colorado, suspected to be caused June 20 by a mowing operation, was fully contained June 22 allowing the reopening of U.S. 50. The Spikebuck Fire

started on U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land, 14 miles west of Canon City, said a BLM spokeswoman. U.S. 50 was closed for 6 hours June 20 and closed again for 5 hours June 21. Helicopters were dipping buckets into the Arkansas River and using the water to help extinguish the fire.

Source: http://www.chieftain.com/news/region/u-s-reopens-fire-contained/article_18191210-bc2b-11e1-9b6e-001a4bcf887a.html

13. *June 22, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **Flood-threatened track by Devils Lake being raised; BNSF, Amtrak, state of ND sharing cost.** Crews were installing new railroad track along a flood-threatened 15-mile stretch in the Devils Lake Basin in North Dakota. The Grand Forks Herald reported work began earlier in June on the \$100 million project. The track belongs to BNSF Railway but also is used by Amtrak's Empire Builder passenger trains. A BNSF spokeswoman said the tracks will be raised about 5 feet. Two bridges along the route also are likely to be raised in the fall. The tracks will be raised another 5 feet in 2013. BNSF, Amtrak, and North Dakota each are paying about one-third of the project cost. The state's share is supplemented by a \$10 million federal grant.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/ade456cff8114c81b80a4c6ac3f58fbd/ND--ND-Flooding-Railroad-Raise>

14. *June 22, Minnesota Public Radio* – (Minnesota) **After deluge, Duluth will turn to federal government for help.** Duluth, Minnesota officials have started taking stock of the devastating damage left behind from historic floods June 20. They said they will need help from the federal government. To that end, Minnesota officials have asked the Federal Emergency Management Agency to assess the damage, a first step in the process of applying for more aid. The numbers so far are staggering — more than \$100 million in infrastructure damage, and at least 1,400 miles of roads will need repair in St. Louis County. Local leaders expect the federal government to foot a large portion of the bill. Rebuilding the road can cost \$3 million for 1 mile of road, said the public works and utilities director. He said several driveways are inaccessible. About a dozen homes across the city have been knocked off their foundations, said the Duluth police chief. In Fond du Lac, 85 people were evacuated from their homes. City crews and state officials said the flooding also severely damaged sewers and storm drainage systems.

Source: <http://minnesota.publicradio.org/display/web/2012/06/21/disaster/flood-assessment/>

15. *June 22, Las Vegas Sun; Associated Press* – (Nevada; California) **Southbound lanes on I-15 reopened after accident, authorities report.** Both southbound lanes of Interstate 15 near the Nevada-California state line reopened June 22, nearly 6.5 hours after a tractor-trailer overturned and spilled a hazardous chemical, officials said. The accident occurred on I-15 about 5 miles south of Primm, Nevada, according to California Highway Patrol (CHP) accident logs. About 4,100 gallons of ferric chloride were spilled. It is an industrial chemical often used in wastewater treatment. The chemical, also known as iron chloride, is corrosive and heats up when it comes in contact with water or acid, the Associated Press has reported. The chemical can cause

burns, eye injuries, and respiratory damage. The CHP closed the highway in both directions for about 3.5 hours before reopening the northbound lanes. A HAZMAT team was called to the scene.

Source: <http://www.lasvegassun.com/news/2012/jun/22/spill-closes-portion-i-15-near-primm-california-hi/>

16. *June 21, Waterbury Republican-American* – (Connecticut) **Factory fire halts Metro-North service in Bridgeport Republican American.** Metro-North Railroad suspended all train service June 21 in Bridgeport, Connecticut, after a factory near the tracks caught fire. Metro-North received a request from the Bridgeport Fire Department to halt service on all four of its tracks, said a spokesman. Trains on the New Haven Line were stopped at station platforms. After about 45 minutes, the fire department gave Metro-North the green light to open one of its four tracks.

Source: <http://www.rep-am.com/articles/2012/06/22/news/local/doc4fe3cb7b03338342347901.txt>

17. *June 21, Associated Press* – (Georgia) **4 drivers issued citations after school bus crash injured 61 people in May.** Georgia State Patrol officials said June 21 that four drivers were issued citations after a crash in May involving six school buses that injured 61 people. Students and chaperones from Burke County Middle School were traveling on the buses when the incident occurred on the westbound lanes on I-20, as the vehicles were approaching an active construction zone. A bus driver was the most seriously injured in the crash, but 60 others were also hurt, suffering mostly minor injuries.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/37a24d4b1cc64718a93d1701164711a1/GA--School-Bus-Crash>

18. *June 21, Associated Press* – (Wisconsin) **3 die in crashes after rain washes away Wis. road.** Heavy rainfall washed away a 50-foot stretch of highway in Willard, Wisconsin, and three people were killed when their vehicles plunged into the resulting ravine and the raging water below, authorities said June 21. The vehicles fell 12 to 15 feet, ending up partially submerged in a river below that swelled as high as 10 feet in places. The National Weather Service said the area had received only 1 to 3 inches of rain late June 20, but a meteorologist said the area had been saturated from heavy rain in previous days. He said about 4 inches had fallen over the past 7 days, leading to saturated soil that could not absorb much more rain. The rain swept away an entire segment of highway, leaving a steep muddy crevasse. The drivers probably had little warning that the road had disappeared, and there was no sign they had tried to slow down or stop.

Source: <http://www.wbtv.com/story/18846982/3-die-in-crashes-after-rain-washes-away-wis-road>

19. *June 21, Raleigh News Observer* – (North Carolina) **Fire destroys 3 Lee County school buses.** Three buses were destroyed and two others damaged in a fire at the Lee County Schools bus garage in Sanford, North Carolina June 21, The county's entire fleet of 115 buses was parked for the summer in a locked, fenced lot off North Carolina

87 when a fire started on one bus and spread to several others. Mechanics had been working in a garage on the site but had left for lunch when the fire began. Sanford fire crews put out the fire. The buses, 1987 and 1988 models were valued at about \$95,000 each.

Source: <http://www.newsobserver.com/2012/06/21/2151380/fire-destroys-3-lee-county-school.html>

20. *June 20, WLS 7 Chicago* – (Indiana) **All lanes reopened after semi trucks collide on I-80/94, driver freed.** Two semi trucks collided on Interstate 80/94 near Cline, Indiana June 20, shutting down the roadway for hours. Authorities said the crash happened after Indiana State Police pulled over an impaired driver. One truck swerved to miss them and that truck was rear-ended by another truck several miles east of the Illinois-Indiana border. One truck driver was put on a stretcher and airlifted to a trauma center. The crash led state police to stop all eastbound traffic, and shut down some westbound traffic as well. All lanes reopened about 6 hours after the crash, but authorities were still clearing debris 8 hours after the crash.

Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/wls/story?section=news/local/indiana&id=8708282>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

21. *June 21, WSPA 7 Spartanburg* – (South Carolina) **Exploding mailboxes: Deputies warn of violent vandalism.** June 20, Spartanburg County deputies in South Carolina warned about a violent wave of vandalism in which someone is blowing up mailboxes. Someone placed “overpressurized devices” into two mailboxes in the Wellford area. Both devices exploded, damaging both mailboxes. Each “bomb” had shrapnel — coins — inside. The “bombs” are made with different chemicals, tinfoil, and plastic bottles.
- Source: <http://www2.wspa.com/news/2012/jun/21/exploding-mailboxes-deputies-warn-violent-vandalis-ar-4017102/>

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Agriculture and Food Sector

22. *June 21, U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Safety and Inspection Service* – (California; Hawaii; National) **Recall notification report 041-2012 (ground smoke bacon).** Square-H Brands, Inc., a Los Angeles establishment, is recalling approximately 1,350 pounds of a ground smoked bacon product that may contain pieces of cardboard and plastic, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced June 21. Twenty-five-pound cases of “Coarse Ground Smoked Bacon Ends and Pieces” are subject to recall. The ground smoked bacon was packaged April 25, 2012 and was distributed to a separate federally inspected establishment in Hawaii for further distribution and use in other products. The cases can be identified by establishment number “EST. 748” inside the U.S.

Department of Agriculture (USDA) mark of inspection and the case code “1410070” located in the top right corner of the label.

Source: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/FSIS_Recalls/RNR_041_2012/index.asp

23. *June 21, Food Safety News* – (National) **Case count rises in salmonella tuna outbreak.** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported a total of 390 people have been infected with the outbreak strains of Salmonella Bareilly (376) or Salmonella Nchanga (14) from 27 states and the District of Columbia, according to Food Safety News, June 21. Forty seven people have been hospitalized. Collaborative investigation efforts of State, local, and federal health agencies indicated a frozen raw yellowfin tuna product, known as Nakaochi Scrape, from Moon Marine USA Corporation is the likely source of the outbreak. Consumers should not eat the recalled product, and retailers should not serve the recalled raw Nakaochi Scrape tuna product. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/06/case-count-rises-in-salmonella-tuna-outbreak/>
24. *June 20, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (Florida) **Leasa Industries Co., Inc. recalls Lease Brand 6 oz Living Alfalfa Sprouts because of possible health risk.** Leasa Industries Co., Inc. of Miami, Florida announced June 20, a recall of 433 cases of LEASA Living Alfalfa Sprouts with use by date July 2, because it has the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella. The affected product is in 6-ounce clear plastic containers with a UPC code of 75465-55912. While no illnesses have been reported, Salmonella is an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm309382.htm>

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Water Sector

25. *June 22, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* – (Pennsylvania) **Methane migration probed in Tioga County.** State environmental officials were investigating a potential case of methane migration in Tioga County, Pennsylvania, near gas-drilling sites operated by a Shell Oil Co. subsidiary. Four residents within a 1-mile area were evacuated as of June 21. A company spokeswoman said current methane levels indicate “a very low hazard risk to people, vegetation, and fish.” A spokesman with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), said the agency was alerted June 17 that a drinking water well had overflowed inside a hunting cabin near well pads in Union. Regulators had not yet determined the source of the methane June 21, which also was suspected to be causing bubbling in a nearby stream and “additional surface expressions” along a neighboring road. State regulators collected water samples near the cabin, and Shell was screening private drinking wells within a 1-mile radius. Source: <http://www.post-gazette.com/stories/local/marcellusshale/methane-migration-probed-in-tioga-county-641486/>

26. *June 22, KTRK 13 Houston* – (Texas) **Emergency water rationing for League City.** League City, Texas residents were under orders to conserve after a pipe that carries nearly 90 percent of the city’s water sprung a severe leak June 22. Officials implemented a Stage 3 Water Alert preventing watering lawns, washing cars, or filling swimming pools. Repairs were underway and crews said it could be another 24 to 36 hours before the line is fully replaced. The new pipe to replace the broken 39-inch pipe was brought to the site. The water line crews were working to replace runs to League City from Houston. The city said the break should not affect water distribution but noted residents must follow the city’s mandatory restrictions.
Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=news/local&id=8710082>
27. *June 20, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **\$37M approved for Md. septic, wastewater upgrades.** Maryland’s Board of Public Works approved more than \$37 million in grants for upgrading septic systems and wastewater treatment plants June 20. The department of the environment said the approval includes \$14.9 million in grants from the Bay Restoration Fund for counties to upgrade septic systems statewide. The board also approved a \$13 million grant for Baltimore’s Back River Wastewater Treatment Plant. The upgrades are designed to reduce discharges of nitrogen that can fuel algae blooms when treated wastewater is discharged into rivers and the Chesapeake Bay. The board also approved grants for Baltimore’s Patapsco Wastewater Treatment plant as well as plants in Emmitsburg, and New Windsor.
Source: <http://thedailyrecord.com/2012/06/20/37m-approved-for-md-septic-wastewater-upgrades/>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

28. *June 22, Associated Press* – (Florida; Georgia) **Authorities arrest 12 in pill mill operation.** Florida State and local authorities said June 21 they arrested a dozen people for illegally obtaining some 19,000 oxycodone pills. The operation gathered pills purchased in south Florida and took them to Georgia and north Florida for resale. Authorities also believed the money from selling the drugs was laundered through an automobile sales business in Havana, Florida, just outside of Tallahassee. The investigation into the doctor shopping and drug trafficking in Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties began in May 2011 after authorities were tipped off by pharmacists who received prescriptions from a dead doctor.
Source: <http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20120622/APN/1206220563>
29. *June 21, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Authorities charge man in Ohio nursing home fire.** Authorities charged an employee of Daysprings Nursing Home in Enon, Ohio, with setting a fire that led to one resident’s death during the building’s evacuation, the Associated Press reported June 21. The Clark County Sheriff’s Office said an investigation determined the November 25, 2011 fire in a storage room could only have been intentionally set. Investigators said the surveillance video showed the suspect near

the storage room moments before the fire started. Officers arrested the employee June 21. He was charged with murder and two counts of aggravated arson.

Source: <http://www.onntv.com/content/stories/apexchange/2012/06/21/oh--nursing-home-fire-arrest.html>

30. *June 21, Associated Press* – (National) **Merck recalls batch of MMR vaccine released early.** Merck & Co. said June 21 it was recalling 39,000 doses of a vaccine against measles, mumps, and rubella because it was shipped before the company finished an internal approval process. Merck said it accidentally shipped the batch of MMRII vaccine, but its quality, safety, and effectiveness were confirmed before it went out. Merck distributes about 10 million doses of MMRII in the United States every year. The company said the recall should not affect its ability to meet demand.
Source: <http://www.biosciencetechnology.com/News/FeedsAP/2012/06/merck-recalls-batch-of-mmr-vaccine-released-early/>

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Government Facilities Sector

31. *June 22, Log Cabin Democrat* – (Arkansas) **Burdick Hall evacuated, again.** Burdick Hall at the University of Central Arkansas (UCA) in Conway was evacuated June 22 after students and teachers complained of illness. This is the second time in a little more than 2 weeks the building has been evacuated. Officials said they did not yet know the cause of the illness. Conway firefighters were using handheld carbon monoxide monitors on students and teachers. On June 7, faculty and students were evacuated from the building after students and UCA employees complained of nausea and dizziness. Five students, five campus police personnel, and one MEMS paramedic were transported to the hospital. Testing of the air system showed oxygen levels at normal levels. Four classes were moved to other buildings after the first incident.
Source: <http://thecabin.net/news/local/2012-06-22/burdick-hall-evacuated-again#.T-SwFJGNBM8>
32. *June 22, Associated Press* – (Ohio) **Ex-charter school treasurer pleads guilty to embezzlement in Ohio.** A former treasurer to more than a dozen Ohio charter schools pleaded guilty June 21 in federal court to embezzling more than \$470,000 in federal education funds from four schools over 6 years through an elaborate series of schemes. Those schools have since closed. As part of the plea agreement, the convict agreed to pay nearly \$672,000 in civil findings, forfeit his certified public accountants' license, and cooperate with the government's ongoing investigation. An FBI special agent said the treasurer got access to the money in a variety of ways, including writing checks that exceeded contractual work done for the schools, beefing up his salary payments, and loaning money from one school to another and pocketing the repayment. The convict faces up to 10 years in prison and \$250,000 in fines.
Source: <http://www.ohio.com/news/education/ex-charter-school-treasurer-pleads-guilty-to-embezzlement-in-ohio-1.315712>

33. *June 21, WCMH 4 Columbus* – (Ohio) **Franklin County Children Services buildings reopen after threat.** Public access to all Franklin County Children Services (FCCS) buildings in Columbus, Ohio, was restored June 21, many hours after an early morning threat to the building. A 9-1-1 call was received regarding a threat toward the FCCS intake building. Deputies from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office searched the building and found no threat. All visits and reviews taking place at all FCCS buildings June 21 were cancelled. Public access was limited to all FCCS buildings, but was restored about 9 hours after the threat was made. FCCS employees were allowed in the building after the search. The suspect who called in the threat has not been apprehended.

Source: <http://www2.nbc4i.com/news/2012/jun/21/9/franklin-county-childrens-services-closed-after-th-ar-1079009/>

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Emergency Services Sector

34. *June 22, WZDX 54 Huntsville* – (Alabama) **Fire at Jackson County fire department.** Volunteers with the Flat Rock Volunteer Fire Department in Jackson County, Alabama, rushed from their homes to find their fire station fully engulfed in flames June 21, WZDX 54 Huntsville reported. A fire truck and rescue were both severely damaged, as was a significant amount of the group's fire fighting gear. Helmets, jackets, boots, air tanks, and fire retardant pants were all destroyed in the blaze. The Alabama State Fire Marshal's Office is investigating the cause of the fire. Source: <http://www.fox54.com/story/18852395/fire-at-jackson-county-fire-department>
35. *June 22, WRDW 12 Augusta* – (South Carolina) **Five injured in McCormick County prison fight.** Four inmates and a corrections officer were recovering after a June 20 prison brawl in South Carolina. The fight happened at McCormick County Correctional Institution. Authorities said several inmates used homemade knives to stab each other. The South Carolina Department of Corrections communications director said 10-15 prisoners got into a fight in the facility yard after dinner. A handful of prisoners were treated for cuts and bruises on-site, and four were treated for stab wounds. One officer, who was trying to break up the fight, was taken to the hospital for stitches. He stated gang activity may be to blame. Two inmates and the corrections officer were taken to a hospital with minor injuries. Two other prisoners were flown to a hospital with life-threatening injuries. The prison will be on lock-down through the weekend of June 23. Source: http://www.wrdw.com/crimeteam12/headlines/UPDATE_Five_injured_in_McCormick_County_prison_fight_160005485.html
36. *June 21, Minnesota Public Radio News* – (Minnesota) **Flood knocks out cell phone, 911, cable service in Arrowhead.** The historic flooding in northeastern Minnesota damaged a fiber optic link that serves much of the Arrowhead region north of Duluth. The temporary outage included cell phones, Internet, and even 9-1-1 service at a time

when many were trying to reach loved ones and report damage to authorities, Minnesota Public Radio News reported June 21. Officials with CenturyLink said a fiber optic cable that crosses the Knife River beneath a bridge on Highway 61 was damaged by high water and floating debris. The outage started late June 19 and service was not restored until after midday June 20. The loss of telecommunication services affected thousands of residents. Eight communities along the North Shore — including Silver Bay and Grand Marais — were without cell phone and 9-1-1 service.

Source: <http://minnesota.publicradio.org/display/web/2012/06/21/flood/flood-knocks-out-911-cell-cable-in-arrowhead>

37. *June 21, WALA 10 Mobile* – (Florida) **Man threatens to bomb Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office.** Officials said a Pensacola, Florida man is in the Santa Rosa County Jail after making numerous 9-1-1 calls stating he was going to blow up the Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office then kill himself. The suspect was angered over being pulled over by a deputy June 21. Deputies said he was irate after he was stopped and issued a traffic ticket due to running a red light. Officials said he drove to a nearby home and began calling 9-1-1. They said he called five times, yelling and using profanity in reference to the ticket he received. Deputies said he then stated he was going to “start with the three deputies” then “blow up the sheriff's office” and later “kill himself”. Deputies were dispatched to his location. The suspect was arrested and is being held on a \$20,500 bond.

Source: http://www.fox10tv.com/dpp/news/local_news/santa_rosa/official-man-threatens-to-bomb-santa-rosa-county-sheriffs-office

38. *June 21, Federal Bureau of Investigation* – (North Carolina) **Prison inmate pleads guilty to retaliatory threats against a federal officer.** A U.S. attorney announced in federal court June 21 that a prison inmate pled guilty to retaliating against a federal official by threat. According to the November 16, 2011 indictment, the inmate devised a scheme to assault and kill a federal law enforcement officer. From October 2007 to November 2011, he was incarcerated at the Federal Correctional Institution in Butner, North Carolina, to serve a prison term for a prior offense. From February 2009 to April 2011, he threatened to assault and kill the FBI agent assigned to investigate the prior offense. The indictment alleges he developed and pursued a plan to purchase a firearm silencer for his .30 caliber Ruger Black Hawk Revolver and have a friend or family member store the silencer until his release from prison. Once released, he planned to retrieve the silencer and his firearm and then track and kill the agent.

Source:

http://7thspace.com/headlines/415300/prison_inmate_pleads_guilty_to_retaliatory_threats_against_a_federal_officer.html

39. *June 20, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **Fake firefighter faces similar charges in Lower North Fork ruse.** The High Park fire may not be the first time a man impersonated a firefighter and allegedly made off with gear meant for fire crews, Jefferson County, Colorado officials announced June 20. A radio recovered from his truck during the High Park arrest was allegedly stolen during the Lower North Fork fire, which burned near Conifer in March, according to information from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. That link led authorities to a cache of other equipment — a chainsaw, meals

ready-to-eat, protective clothing, a blue-and-red light strip used on emergency vehicles — stored at his home. The gear is suspected to have been stolen during the North Fork fire, or from other agencies. Deputies believe he pretended to be a firefighter and signed out \$2,400 worth of gear during North Fork that he never returned.

Source: http://www.denverpost.com/commented/ci_20901513

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Information Technology Sector

40. *June 22, Reuters* – (International) **Twitter double outage blamed on bug.** A double outage affected Twitter June 21, as users worldwide reported significant down-time and slow service across the Web site and mobile applications of the microblogging platform. The company blamed the disruption on a “cascading bug” in one of its infrastructure components. “One of the characteristics of such a bug is that it can have a significant impact on all users, worldwide, which was the case today,” a Twitter vice president of engineering said after normal service resumed. “This wasn’t due to a hack or our new office or Euro 2012 or GIF avatars, as some have speculated today.” “We are currently conducting a comprehensive review to ensure that we can avoid this chain of events in the future,” he added.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/06/22/twitter-outage-idUSL1E8HLIDA20120622>

41. *June 22, The Register* – (International) **Firefox ‘new tab’ feature exposes users’ secured info: Fix promised.** Privacy-conscious users raised concern after it emerged the “New Tab” thumbnail feature in Firefox 13 is “taking snapshots of the user’s HTTPS session content.” A reader of The Register discovered the feature after opening a new tab only to be “greeted by my earlier online banking and webmail sessions complete with account numbers, balances, subject lines, etc.” In response to queries on the matter prompted by the reader’s experience, Mozilla acknowledged the behavior was a mistake and promised a patch. In the meantime, the browser and e-mail client firm posted various workarounds.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/06/22/firefox_new_tab_security_concerns/

42. *June 22, H Security* – (International) **Adobe updates Flash Player 11.3 to fix Firefox crashing problem.** Adobe released an updated version of its Flash Player 11.3 plugin to address a bug that caused Firefox 13 on Windows to crash for some users. The problem is believed to be related to the recently introduced Protected Mode for the Windows version of Flash Player and the open source Web browser; the new mode is designed to isolate the plugin from the rest of the system by running it in its own sandbox. Following initial reports of the problem from users, Mozilla issued an update for Firefox version 13.0.1 to fix the problem. However, some users continued to experience crashing issues when viewing Flash content with Protected Mode enabled. The new 11.3.300.262 release of the Flash Player plugin should resolve the issue. According to the release notes, there is, however, a known issue that causes audio distortion when streaming some Flash content.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Adobe-updates-Flash-Player-11-3-to-fix-Firefox-crashing-problem-1623783.html>

43. *June 22, H Security* – (International) **Critical vulnerabilities closed by Winamp update.** With the release of version 5.63 of Winamp, Nullsoft, a division of AOL Music, eliminated four critical security vulnerabilities in the media player. Three of these were heap-based buffer overflows in Winamp's bmp.w5s component that could be exploited by an attacker to execute arbitrary code on a victim's system. For an attack to be successful, a user must first open a specially crafted AVI file. It was confirmed the vulnerability affects version 5.622; other builds may also be affected. The update also addresses unspecified errors in the in_mod.dll module that could be used to corrupt memory and could possibly result in arbitrary code being executed. Upgrading to Winamp 5.63, specifically build 3234 (5.6.3.3234), fixes these problems.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Critical-vulnerabilities-closed-by-Winamp-update-1624345.html>

44. *June 21, Ars Technica* – (International) **Printer bomb malware wastes reams of paper, sparks pandemonium.** A recently unleashed piece of malware is wreaking havoc in some enterprises by causing all their printers to print gibberish until they run out of paper, researchers from Symantec said. "The impact is global and effecting approximately 80 print servers," an administrator of one Fortune 500 company wrote in an online forum dedicated to the print bomb explosion. Other participants reported the same phenomenon caused hundreds of their organizations' printers to run through reams of paper. According to a blog post published June 21 by researchers from antivirus provider Symantec, the nuisance was being spread by Trojan.Milicenso. The worst hit regions are the United States, India, Europe, and South America. Milicenso is a sophisticated backdoor that serves as a for-hire delivery vehicle for other pieces of malware. One of its malicious payloads, known as Adware.Eorezo, is dropping an executable file in printer spooler directories, causing some applications to print representations of the binary code.

Source: <http://arstechnica.com/security/2012/06/printer-bomb-pandimonium/>

45. *June 21, Ars Technica* – (International) **Microsoft contest finalists tackle potent security exploit technique.** Microsoft engineers plan to award cash prizes for new security defenses that could help their software better withstand a powerful exploitation technique hackers are increasingly using to install malware on end users' computers. The technique, known as return oriented programming (ROP), is a regular staple of attacks used at the annual Pwn2Own hacker contest. ROP is also found in real-world attacks that install malicious software by exploiting garden-variety bugs in widely used pieces of software. It works by rearranging benign pieces of code already present in memory to form a malicious payload. The popularity of ROP grew because of its ability to bypass another security mitigation known as data execution prevention, which has been added to software from Microsoft, Apple, and others over the past decade. Microsoft unveiled three possible anti-ROP defenses June 21 in a blog post announcing three finalists to its own competition.

Source: <http://arstechnica.com/security/2012/06/microsoft-security-defense/>

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Communications Sector

46. *June 20, Denver Business Journal* – (Colorado) **Fire knocks radio station KJAC off the air.** Radio station KJAC 105.5 FM Timnath was knocked off the airwaves by the High Park fire near Fort Collins, Colorado, but the station’s signal now can be heard again, Denver Westword reported June 20. Front Range Sports Network, which owns the radio station that also goes by Jack-FM, has its transmitter in the fire zone atop Buckhorn Mountain. Westword reported the program director said firefighters saved the antennas — which are also used by the Larimer County Fire Department — but “pretty much everything around the top of the hill was charred to nothing.” A power outage in the area took the station off the air, although firefighters were able to keep their lines of communication open by using a backup generator.
Source: http://www.bizjournals.com/denver/morning_call/2012/06/fire-knocks-radio-station-kjac-off-the.html

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Commercial Facilities Sector

47. *June 22, Associated Press* – (Kansas) **Chlorine cloud sends Topeka swimmers to hospital.** Procedures were revised at a public swimming pool in Topeka, Kansas, after a cloud of chlorine sent eight swimmers to hospitals June 21. All were treated and released. WIBW 13 Topeka reported the incident happened at Blaisdell Pool in Gage Park while the Topeka Swimming Association was holding practice. One swimmer reported seeing what looked like a volcano swirling toward him from jets under the water. A bubble of chlorine hit him in the face, making it impossible to breathe, before the chemical created a haze above the surface. An official said that overnight storms shut off power to the pool. The chlorine bubble occurred when a staff member turned the pumps back on. Officials said the pumps will no longer be restarted when people are in the pool.
Source:
<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/9cbae70681d64d858c66e55fdcb8512f/KS--Topeka-Pool-Chlorine-Cloud>

48. *June 22, Associated Press* – (California) **Fire on San Francisco pier caused \$2M in damage.** Authorities said a fire that tore through an area of San Francisco’s waterfront caused more than \$2.37 million in damage. The June 20 blaze damaged an empty warehouse on Pier 29 that was being readied as a food concession venue for the America’s Cup yacht race in 2013. A fire department spokeswoman told the San Francisco Chronicle that investigators were trying to determine what caused the fire but that it did not appear suspicious. The fire shut power to businesses on nearby piers. Most had power restored June 21 or were using generators.
Source: <http://www.star-telegram.com/2012/06/22/4051254/fire-on-san-francisco-pier-caused.html>
49. *June 21, Murfreesboro Daily News Journal* – (Tennessee) **FBI, ATF: Texas man indicted in bomb threat of Islamic Center of Murfreesboro.** A Corpus Christi, Texas, man was indicted by a federal grand jury June 21 and charged with violating the civil rights of members of the Islamic Center of Murfreesboro (ICM), Tennessee, Department of Justice officials announced. He was charged in the Middle District of Tennessee with one count of intentionally obstructing by threat of force the free exercise of religious beliefs and one count of using an instrument of interstate commerce to communicate a threat to destroy a building by means of an explosive device. According to the indictment, the man called the ICM September 5, 2011, on a cell phone from Corpus Christi and left a threatening, expletive-ridden voice message saying, among other things, “On September 11, 2011, there’s going to be a bomb in the building.” The man faces a maximum penalty of 20 years for count one of the indictment and 10 years for the second count, as well as a fine of up to \$250,000 for each offense.
Source: http://www.dnj.com/article/20120621/NEWS01/120621005/FBI-ATF-Texas-man-indicted-bomb-threat-Islamic-Center-Murfreesboro?nclick_check=1
50. *June 21, USA Today* – (Indiana) **Chemical fumes sicken 71 in Indianapolis pool.** More than 70 people were sent to Indianapolis hospitals June 21 after being overcome by fumes from a water-purification chemical at a city pool. Swimmers at the Garfield Park aquatics center suffered coughing, nausea, and eye irritation after a reported chemical spill, the Indianapolis Star reported. Two buses took 50 people to area hospitals while 21 were taken by ambulance. Most had been treated and released the same day. The chemical — known either as “Acid Magic” or “Magic Acid” — mixed with chlorine to form chlorine gas, the director of Indiana Poison Center at Methodist Hospital said. An investigation will determine whether the chemical actually spilled into the pool or was the result of an improper mixture. The Indianapolis Fire Department said the chemical inadvertently spilled and a spokesman for the city mayor cited a chemical imbalance in the pool.
Source: <http://content.usatoday.com/communities/ondeadline/post/2012/06/chemical-spill-sickens-71-at-indianapolis-pool/1#.T-RzipGvfAl>
51. *June 21, WCSC 5 Charleston* – (South Carolina) **Deadly club shooting takes the life of 2 people, injures others.** Deputies arrested two suspects in connection to a shooting at a club that killed two people and injured two others in Beaufort County, South Carolina early June 21. The Beaufort County Sheriff’s Office charged both suspects

with one count of murder. Investigators said additional charges are pending. Deputies responded to multiple reports of shots fired in the area of the Midnight Soul Patrol. They found a vehicle fleeing the area. Investigators said that a shooting victim, was located inside the vehicle and was pronounced dead at the scene. During the course of the ensuing investigation, witnesses reported an altercation broke out at the club just before the shooting. An incident report said a series of shots were fired among the feuding parties.

Source: <http://www.wistv.com/story/18850335/deadly-club-shooting-takes-the-life-of-2-people-injures-others>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

52. *June 22, WNCT 9 Greenville* – (North Carolina) **Croatan National Forest wildfire 70 percent contained.** The wildfire at the Croatan National Forest in North Carolina was holding early June 22. The US Forest Service said it was 70 percent contained as of June 22. The fire has burned more than 21,000 acres since it started the week of June 11. Ash was falling from the sky in areas near the forest, and high levels of particle pollution have spurred two agencies to issue alerts. The North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources continued a Code Red Air Quality Alert June 21. Particle pollution has spread as far west as Raleigh and as far north as Tarboro, according to the agency.

Source: <http://www2.nbc17.com/news/2012/jun/17/59/fire-nc-croatan-national-forest-uncontained-ar-2364118/>

53. *June 22, Associated Press* – (Utah; Colorado; National) **Hot, windy weather to challenge Colo. fire crews.** Residents of about 250 homes in northern Utah were evacuated June 22 after high winds kicked up a fire started by target shooters. The 750-acre blaze started June 21 near the Saratoga Springs landfill. A mix of hot, windy, and extremely dry conditions raised the fire danger across Utah and parts of Colorado, Wyoming, Arizona, and Nevada. Firefighters trying to encircle a 100-square-mile fire burning in Colorado were keeping a lookout for spot fires that could ignite outside the main fire. The mix of conditions that makes it easy for new fires to start and spread and cause existing fires to flare up was expected to last through June 23. A fire west of Fort Collins had destroyed at least 191 homes and killed a woman. Also in Colorado, an 1,150-acre wildfire burning near Lake George was 57 percent contained. In Nevada, a wildfire that charred nearly 12,000 acres of rugged terrain near the Utah line was 60 percent contained. It was started by a planned burn that escaped June 9. In California, residents were allowed to return to homes and cabins near a 385-acre fire near Sequoia National Park, and firefighters fully contained the blaze June 21. In Wyoming, crews were preparing safety zones for firefighters in case a wildfire that scorched more than 4 square miles in Medicine Bow National Forest made a run. It was 10 percent contained. In New Mexico, a fire that destroyed 242 homes and businesses, the largest in State history, burned 463 square miles in the Gila Wilderness and was 80 percent contained.

Meanwhile, a 360-acre fire along the Rio Grande on the northern edge of Albuquerque was 50 percent contained. In Arizona, firefighters were maintaining lines around a wildfire that threatened transmission lines owned by two of the State's largest utilities. That fire near Young had grown to 11,011 acres. A separate fire in the Rincon Mountains east of Tucson was 60 percent contained after charring about 7,500 acres. Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2012/06/22/hot-windy-weather-to-challenge-colorado-fire-crews/>

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Dams Sector

54. *June 22, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **Piling troubles, erosion worry levee authority officials.** East Bank levee authority officials raised troubling questions about several major segments of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' nearly completed improvements to the New Orleans area hurricane levee system June 21. Concerns included erosion along new T-walls and potential bending of long, square pilings used to steady those walls. A key concern is that scouring caused by repeated hurricanes could weaken a 23-mile stretch of earthen levees topped with new T-walls in St. Bernard Parish, which are supposed to protect Chalmette and the Lower 9th Ward from surges as high as 32 feet above sea level. They are particularly concerned about some portions of the St. Bernard levees that were allowed to use sand in their center, rather than clay. Also, uncoated steel H-piles and sheet piles could corrode because of exposure to saltwater. Authority officials were also concerned the new floodwalls in St. Bernard may be up to 6 inches too low because Corps engineers used incorrect measurements. When the Corps determines it has completed construction of the East Bank projects, they will be turned over to the East Jefferson, Orleans, and Lake Borgne Basin levee districts, all overseen by the levee authority. The districts will then have to pay to maintain the system.
Source: http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2012/06/piling_troubles_erosion_worry.html
55. *June 21, KCAU 9 Sioux City* – (Iowa; Nebraska) **Army Corps will repair Missouri River's navigation channel.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began its \$8.3 million repair project for the navigation channel in the Missouri River the week of June 18, which was damaged during 2011's summer flooding. The Corps said that since the flood, the river's navigation channel has not performed correctly. Structures that stabilize the bank were damaged along 116 miles from Rulo, Nebraska, to Sioux City, Iowa. "We need to get that river squeezed back down so that the depth is out there in the middle so that boats and other barges can easily move up and down the river," said the Omaha District project manager. Repairs from Sioux City to Fort Calhoun, Nebraska, will use 250,000 tons of rock, dikes, and revetments to fix the structures. The repairs are expected to be completed by 2014 and the project will be funded by the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act.
Source: <http://www.kcautv.com/story/18850418/army-corps-will-repair-missouri-rivers-navigation-channel>

56. *June 21, Minneapolis Star Tribune* – (Minnesota) **Surging major rivers trigger no-wake rules.** Major rivers are surging again, closing Minneapolis locks on the Mississippi and triggering no-wake boating rules on the St. Croix, the Minneapolis Star Tribune reported June 21. The three area locks will close to recreational boats June 22, the St. Paul District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said. The locks will be closed to commercial traffic sometime the weekend of June 23. It could be a week or longer before locks reopen, the Corps said. The St. Croix is predicted to rise to 683-foot June 24, the elevation when the no-wake rules take effect. The river will have risen 4 feet in 5 days. The St. Croix will be dangerous the weekend of June 23, with fast currents and floating debris, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources said. Water backing up from the Mississippi River caused much of the rapid rise, the agency said.

Source: <http://www.startribune.com/local/east/159962155.html>

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