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- Many oil and gas producers shut down production and evacuated workers in the Gulf of Mexico June 23, as Tropical Storm Debby led to about 7.8 percent of daily oil and 8.16 percent of daily natural gas production to be shut in. – *Reuters* (See item [3](#))
- Russian police authorities said the botnet of a hacker they arrested who used banking trojans to steal more than \$4.5 million, comprised more than 4.5 million computers — making it the largest publicly known botnet to date. – *H Security* (See item [9](#))
- One of the biggest tasks facing Duluth, Michigan, in the aftermath of historic flash flooding will be repairing the city's 400-mile storm-water removal system. – *Minneapolis Star Tribune* (See item [35](#))
- Wildfires moved in on some of Colorado's most popular summer tourist destinations, destroying nearly two dozen homes near Rocky Mountain National Park and emptying hotels and campgrounds at the base of Pikes Peak. – *Associated Press* (See item [54](#))
- A tropical storm damaged apartment complexes, a marina, and many other businesses on Florida's Gulf Coast. The heavy rains and fierce winds also knocked out power to tens of thousands of homes and businesses and shut down many streets and the sole bridge to St. George Island. – *Associated Press* (See item [55](#))

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## Energy Sector

1. *June 23, York Daily Record* – (Pennsylvania) **Police: Two charged with stealing copper from gas pipeline.** Two men were charged in connection with thefts of copper from Williams Gas Pipeline in Lower Chanceford Township, Pennsylvania, the York Daily Record reported June 23. One man was charged in connection with four thefts of copper wire between November 23, 2011, and February 28, a news release stated. The second man was charged in connection with one of the thefts, police said. The cost to replace and repair the copper was more than \$40,000, police said.  
Source: [http://www.ydr.com/crime/ci\\_20924760/police-two-charged-stealing-copper-from-gas-pipeline](http://www.ydr.com/crime/ci_20924760/police-two-charged-stealing-copper-from-gas-pipeline)
2. *June 23, Associated Press* – (Connecticut) **CL&P says 5,000 in Connecticut without electricity after storm; power to be restored by tonight.** Thousands of Connecticut residents started the weekend of June 23 without power after strong storms toppled trees and flooded streets. Connecticut Light & Power (CL&P) said about 5,000 customers were without power June 24. The utility expected to have power fully restored by that evening. Some 37,000 customers experienced outages following the storms, which snapped branches and downed trees around the State.  
Source:  
<http://www.registercitizen.com/articles/2012/06/23/news/doc4fe5db3d456ba878177066.txt>
3. *June 23, Reuters* – (National) **Tropical storm threat shuts some U.S. Gulf oil output.** Oil and gas producers ramped up production shutdowns and evacuated workers in the Gulf of Mexico June 23 as Tropical Storm Debby became the first named storm of the 2012 Atlantic hurricane season to disrupt operations in the basin. BP said it had issued instructions to shutdown oil and gas production at its seven platforms in the Gulf and stepped up worker evacuations as weather conditions worsened. Anadarko Petroleum Corp had already shut down production and evacuated workers at four of its

eight Gulf platforms by the time Debby strengthened into a named storm, including the Independence Hub, which can produce up to 1 billion cubic feet of natural gas a day. Among those seven structures is the world's largest deepwater platform, Thunder Horse, which is designed to produce up to 250,000 barrels per day of oil, and 200 million cubic feet per day of natural gas. The U.S. Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, which oversees oil and gas activity in the Gulf, said June 23 that a fraction of the basin's output was shut in: 7.8 percent of daily oil and 8.16 percent of daily natural gas output. The Gulf accounts for about 20 percent of U.S. oil production and 6 percent of natural gas output.

Source: <http://in.reuters.com/article/2012/06/24/debby-gulf-energy-idINL2E8HN0NM20120624>

4. *June 22, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Texas man accused of trying to blow up pipeline.** A man accused of trying to blow up a natural gas pipeline in a Dallas suburb lashed out against the government in YouTube and Facebook postings and is wanted for a probation violation in California on a concealed weapons conviction, the Associated Press reported June 22. Federal prosecutors have charged the suspect with possessing an explosive device after authorities said he detonated a bomb at a natural gas regulator station in the Dallas suburb of Plano June 14. The suspect was critically injured in the blast, which caused minimal damage to the station.

Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2012/06/22/2863280/texas-man-accused-of-trying-to.html>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

5. *June 24, WSAZ 3 Huntington* – (West Virginia) **Researchers release study findings on chemical plant explosion.** There are many things chemical manufacturers could do to more safely make methyl isocyanate (MIC), and other chemicals, said a panel of researchers that investigated an explosion at a West Virginia chemical plant. June 23, the National Research Council panel released findings about the 2008 blast at the BayerCropScience plant that killed two employees, injured several more, and put the Institute, West Virginia community on lockdown. “There are a set of protocols that allow one to be able to do chemical manufacturing in a safer environment,” said the research chairwoman. The panel suggested making changes to technology and equipment design to minimize the risk of error in the process. The blast occurred near a storage tank, but the tank was not damaged and the chemical was not released. Bayer stopped making the chemical at the plant in January 2011 because of corporate restructuring.

Source:

[http://www.wsaz.com/news/headlines/Researchers\\_Release\\_Study\\_Findings\\_on\\_Chemical\\_Plant\\_Explosion\\_160136325.html](http://www.wsaz.com/news/headlines/Researchers_Release_Study_Findings_on_Chemical_Plant_Explosion_160136325.html)

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

6. *June 24, Kennewick Tri-City Herald* – (Washington) **Highly radioactive underwater capsules at Hanford are moved.** Hanford Nuclear Reservation workers moved more than a third of the highly radioactive capsules kept underwater at the Hanford, Washington site after the Fukushima nuclear disaster increased attention on preventive measures, the Kennewick Tri-City Herald reported June 24. The Waste Encapsulation and Storage Facility (WESF) holds underwater capsules that contain about a third of the radioactivity at the Hanford site. Engineers periodically assess the heat given off by the capsules, but the Fukushima nuclear assessment in spring 2011 heightened interest, according to the vice president of CH2M Hill, a remediation company working at Hanford. It made rearranging the capsules to better distribute their heat a higher priority. In the case of a catastrophic event that could cause a loss of water in the WESF pool or a loss of cooling, the capsules could corrode and be breached. Rearranging the capsules gives workers more time to respond in the event of a serious incident at the WESF, he said.  
Source: <http://www.tri-cityherald.com/2012/06/24/1998236/highly-radioactive-underwater.html>

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

7. *June 25, U.S. Department of Transportation* – (National) **NHTSA recall notice - Chevy Cruze gas tank attachment welds.** General Motors (GM) announced June 25 the recall of 53,239 model year 2011 and 2012 Chevrolet Cruze vehicles manufactured from October 2, 2009 through May 14. Attachment welds for the fuel tank strap secondary brackets may have been omitted. The fuel tank could come loose in a crash, possibly allowing fuel to leak from the tank. A fuel leak in the presence of an ignition source could result in a fire. GM will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the vehicle for missing welds. If the vehicle is missing welds, dealers will secure the bracket attachments with fasteners.  
Source: [http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rcl\\_ID=12V289000&summary=true&prod\\_id=975772&PrintVersion=YES](http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rcl_ID=12V289000&summary=true&prod_id=975772&PrintVersion=YES)
8. *June 23, Youngstown Vindicator* – (Ohio) **\$4,000 in brass stolen at plant.** Girard, Ohio police were investigating a theft of about \$4,000 worth of brass plates and cylinders from Trinity Highway Products, the Youngstown Vindicator reported June 23. According to police, sometime June 20 or 21, someone took 500 pounds of brass items from the plant's machine shop and tool room. The Girard police chief said brass

thefts have become more common as precious metals have increased in value.  
Source: <http://www.vindy.com/news/2012/jun/23/-in-brass-stolen-at-plant/>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

Nothing to report

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

9. *June 25, H Security* – (International) **Russian botnet operators infected 6 million computers.** Russian police authorities said the botnet of a hacker they arrested June 21 comprised more than 4.5 million computers — making it the largest publicly known botnet to date. Reportedly, the hacker used banking trojans to steal \$4.5 million from private individuals and organizations. The man was known as “Hermes” and “Arashi” in online communities and apparently used variants of Carberp and similar trojans to commit the crimes. The trojan stole users’ access credentials and used them to transfer money to bogus companies. Helpers then withdrew the stolen money from cash points. Most of the victims were Russian nationals. Overall, the trojan is believed to have infected more than 6 million computers. On some days, more than 100,000 new computers were recruited. According to a statement by the Russian interior ministry, “Hermes” also rented out the botnet to third parties.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Russian-botnet-operators-infected-6-million-computers-1624906.html>

10. *June 25, Bloomberg* – (National) **CFTC data breach risks employees’ Social Security numbers.** The U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) suffered a data breach in May, putting at risk Social Security numbers and personal information of employees of the country’s top derivatives regulator, Bloomberg reported June 25. A CFTC employee received a “phishing” e-mail May 21 and input information to a fraudulent Web site, according to a copy of an e-mail sent to agency employees that described the incident. The e-mail description was confirmed the week of June 18 by a CFTC spokesman. “The CFTC believes at this time that the data breach is contained to employee information and does not compromise any trading or market data,” the chief information officer at the CFTC said in an e-mail statement June 22. The agency told employees it would be implementing additional security controls for CFTC computer systems and increasing training for staff, including those who handle personal information.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-06-25/cftc-data-breach-risks-employees-social-security-numbers.html>

11. *June 23, Kansas City infoZine* – (National; International) **Arizona man pleads guilty to Petro America securities fraud conspiracy.** A Globe, Arizona man pleaded guilty in federal court to his role in a \$7.2 million securities fraud conspiracy that victimized

thousands of investors across the United States and Canada who bought shares in Petro America Corporation, which was purported to be a profitable company with \$284 billion in assets, Kansas City infoZine reported June 23. The man admitted he participated in a conspiracy to commit securities fraud and wire fraud. Contrary to claims, Petro America had no oil, no realistic prospects for obtaining, transporting, or storing large amounts of oil, no significant assets, no revenue, and no employees other than the CEO. He admitted he sold Petro America stock to at least 180 investors, receiving at least \$400,000 in proceeds, from August 20, 2009, to March 2, 2010. When he sold shares, he relayed inflated expectations, and he did not disclose material negative information to investors, including the existence of cease and desist orders. The man received at least \$638,568 into a bank account he opened in the name LFV Management, LLC. The man personally spoke on behalf of Petro during business dealings, and he personally attended at least one investor meeting and one update meeting in Arizona. The man was the seventh defendant to plead guilty in the case. Source: <http://www.infozine.com/news/stories/op/storiesView/sid/52280/>

12. *June 23, Associated Press* – (Kentucky) **Former president of Plasticon convicted of securities and tax fraud.** The U.S. attorney's office said a jury convicted the former president of a Lexington, Kentucky company of securities and tax fraud. A U.S. attorney's statement said the former president was convicted June 22 of defrauding investors out of more than \$18 million. Prosecutors said he committed the crimes while at Plasticon International, Inc., a penny stock company that made recycled plastic products. They said he convinced more than 8,000 investors to purchase Plasticon stock by telling them it was profitable when he knew the company was losing millions. He was also convicted of filing false tax returns. Prosecutors said he did not report \$12 million he stole from the company.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/4e961e31ab5d476ea1f859a468f905d9/KY--Fraud-Scheme>

13. *June 23, Associated Press* – (National) **Texas jury convicts Calif. man in credit card scam.** A California man was convicted in Texas for participating in a multi-State skimming ring that planted illegal devices at gas stations, enabling the group to steal 38,000 debit and credit card numbers and then siphon \$100,000 from bank accounts, the Associated Press reported June 23. The man was convicted June 22 of four counts of unlawful possession of an electronic intercept device and one count each of unlawful use of electronic communications, engaging in organized criminal activity, and fraudulently possessing or using identifying information. Prosecutors in Fort Worth, Texas, showed evidence the man's theft ring planted skimmers inside gas pumps in Mojave, California, Las Vegas, Dallas, Fort Worth, and Houston over a few months in 2010. The man then recoded gift cards with those numbers and used the gift cards to withdraw money at ATMs from hundreds of customers' accounts, prosecutors said. After he was arrested in a Fort Worth suburb, 13 skimmers with the same unique markings were discovered throughout north Texas.

Source: <http://www.modbee.com/2012/06/23/2254587/texas-jury-convicts-man-in-gas.html>

14. *June 22, WMAR 2 Baltimore* – (National) **New email claims to be from FDIC, threatens users confidential and personal data.** A fraudulent e-mail purporting to be from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) offering cash in return for survey information could obtain access to personal and confidential information, WMAR 2 Baltimore reported June 22. The FDIC issued a warning to computer users that it has received numerous reports of fraudulent e-mails that have the appearance of having been sent by the FDIC. The e-mail contains a subject line “Survey Code: STJSPNUPUT.” It reads “you have been chosen by the FDIC to take part in our quick and easy 5 question survey. In response, will credit \$100 dollars to your account just for your time.” The FDIC is warning consumers not to click on the link provided in the e-mail, as it is intended to obtain personal information or load malicious software onto users’ computers.  
Source: <http://www.abc2news.com/dpp/money/consumer/new-email-claims-to-be-from-fdic-threatens-users-confidential-and-personal-data-wews1335873875222>
15. *June 22, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **Iowa hog farmer gets 8 years for bank fraud.** An Iowa hog farmer who admitted defrauding a bank out of millions of dollars was given 8 years in a federal prison, the Associated Press reported June 22. The farmer pleaded guilty in a Cedar Rapids, Iowa federal court to one count of bank fraud. He must serve 5 years of supervised release when he leaves prison, and he was ordered to make restitution of nearly \$8.3 million. The farmer acknowledged that in order to borrow more money he gave Farmers State Bank in Marion false data about the number and weight of his hogs and the amount of money that packing plants owed him. He admitted illegally cashed checks more than once using a remote deposit scanning machine he had gotten from the bank.  
Source: <http://www.whbf.com/story/18856496/iowa-hog-farmer-gets-8-years-for-bank-fraud>
16. *June 22, U.S. Department of Justice* – (Maryland) **Walkersville man indicted in a \$9.2 million investment scheme.** A federal grand jury returned an indictment June 22 charging a Walkersville, Maryland man with offenses arising from an investment scheme. According to the 25-count indictment, the man was the president of IV Capital, Ltd., which he represented to be an investment and trading company. From November 2005 to December 2009, he devised a scheme to obtain about \$9.2 million from nearly 70 individuals who agreed to invest in IV Capital. The indictment alleges he falsely represented information on IV Capital to potential investors. It further alleges that out of about \$9.2 million invested in IV Capital, he and another individual caused \$2.938 million to be lost in trading or consumed by expenses. He also transferred about \$1.046 million to his bank account for personal expenses. The remaining \$5.2 million in investor funds was used to make “profit” payments to IV Capital investors. The indictment alleges he ceased making “profit” payments to IV Capital’s investors in July 2009, and then falsely advised IV Capital investors that because some investors had failed to pay taxes on their earnings or failed to file appropriate reports, a bank audit had been initiated and IV Capital was temporarily unable to conduct trading activity, receive investments of new funds, or pay returns on existing investments.  
Source: <http://www.justice.gov/usao/md/Public->

[Affairs/press\\_releases/Press12/WalkersvilleManIndictedina9.2MillionInvestmentScheme.html](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9228373/PayPal_to_pay_security_researchers_for_reported_vulnerabilities)

17. *June 22, IDG News Service* – (International) **PayPal to pay security researchers for reported vulnerabilities.** Payment services provider PayPal will reward security researchers who discover vulnerabilities in its Web site with money, if they report their findings to the company in a responsible manner, IDG News Service reported June 22. Cross-site scripting (XSS), cross-site request forgery (CSRF), SQL injection (SQLi), and authentication bypass vulnerabilities will qualify for bounties, the amount of which will be decided by the PayPal security team on a case-by-case basis. Researchers must have a verified PayPal account to receive the monetary rewards. PayPal follows in the footsteps of companies such as Google, Mozilla, and Facebook that have implemented security reward programs.  
Source:  
[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9228373/PayPal\\_to\\_pay\\_security\\_researchers\\_for\\_reported\\_vulnerabilities](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9228373/PayPal_to_pay_security_researchers_for_reported_vulnerabilities)
18. *June 22, KTVK 3 Phoenix* – (Arizona) **Ten people indicted for mortgage fraud scheme.** Ten people were indicted for a Phoenix-area mortgage fraud scheme that allegedly lasted nearly 11 years, KTVK 3 Phoenix reported June 22. May 30, a federal grand jury in Phoenix returned a 43-count indictment that included charges of conspiracy, wire fraud, false statements, false representation of Social Security number, and aggravated identity theft. A total of 10 people were indicted. Between June of 2001 and May the group purchased several homes in the Valley area near Phoenix. Two served as the real estate agents for several of the deals, while three others processed many of the loans. The defendants allegedly conspired to obtain mortgage loans by providing false information to lenders. They then used false data to refinance those loans and receive cash back before defaulting on the loans. The group also obtained commissions from the sale of the homes and sold fraudulently obtained properties to other members of the conspiracy for reduced prices through short sales.  
Source: <http://www.azfamily.com/news/Ten-people-indicted-for-mortgage-fraud-scheme-160079875.html>
19. *June 22, Hackensack Record* – (New Jersey) **South Hackensack man arrested in alleged credit card fraud scheme.** A South Hackensack, New Jersey man was arrested June 22, accused of manufacturing fake credit cards using real card numbers belonging to customers whose accounts had been compromised, authorities said. The man allegedly obtained the credit card numbers by paying third parties who had “illegally skimmed unsuspecting customers’ credit card information” as they made ordinary purchases, the Bergen County prosecutor said in a statement. The prosecutor’s office White Collar Crimes Squad and the South Hackensack police executed a search warrant at the man’s home and discovered equipment that can be used to manufacture credit cards, blank credit cards, and skimming devices. Hundreds of fraudulent cards with the man’s and other names also were found, the prosecutor said. The suspect was charged with trafficking personal identity information of another, theft by deception, and identity theft.  
Source:

[http://www.northjersey.com/southhackensack/South\\_Hackensack\\_man\\_arrested\\_in\\_all\\_aged\\_credit\\_card\\_fraud\\_scheme.html](http://www.northjersey.com/southhackensack/South_Hackensack_man_arrested_in_all_aged_credit_card_fraud_scheme.html)

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## **Transportation Sector**

20. *June 25, Associated Press* – (Oklahoma) **3 missing after trains collide in Oklahoma.** Three Union Pacific Railroad crewmembers were missing June 25 after two freight trains collided in the Oklahoma Panhandle, authorities said. An eastbound train carrying vehicles and a westbound train crashed June 24 near Goodwell, a Union Pacific spokeswoman said. A two-person crew was aboard each train, and officials were unable to account for two engineers and a conductor, she said. Two locomotives on the 80-car westbound train and a locomotive from the 108-car eastbound train caught fire after the collision. One train was hauling a resin solution, but the spokeswoman said that load was not on fire and was doused with water as a precaution. Firefighters had the fire contained by June 24, but it continued to burn. The single track runs along U.S. 54, which was closed for a time. Eastbound lanes reopened June 25, but westbound traffic was diverted onto a 2- or 3-mile detour. At least one firefighter was taken to a hospital for treatment of a heat-related injury after temperatures climbed past 100 degrees in the area. Other firefighters were treated for similar ailments at the scene.  
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2012/06/25/3-missing-after-trains-collide-in-rural-oklahoma/>
21. *June 25, Bloomberg* – (National) **Oxygen devices ordered put back in U.S. airline bathrooms.** The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) said airlines must put redesigned oxygen systems back in aircraft lavatories, 1 year after they were ordered removed on concerns they could be used by terrorists as weapons, Bloomberg reported June 25. Airlines have 37 months to install new oxygen supplies, according to a directive published June 25 on the U.S. Federal Register's Web site. Oxygen supplies, required in the event an aircraft loses cabin pressure at high altitude, in 2011 were deemed a hazard in lavatories because passengers could tamper with them, according to a statement issued in 2011 by the FAA. It said the pure oxygen could be used to start a fire. The cost to the airline industry of installing the new systems is estimated to be \$44.2 million, the FAA said. The rule applies to about 5,500 aircraft in the U.S., according to the directive.  
Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-06-25/oxygen-devices-ordered-put-back-in-u-s-airline-bathrooms.html>
22. *June 24, WBBH 2 Fort Myers* – (Florida) **Water main break disrupts traffic, water service.** Heavy rain June 24 caused many traffic and water issues for south Fort Myers, Florida. A water main break shut down part of Cypress Lake Drive near West Shore Drive. The water was expected to be off for 4-5 hours while repairs were made. As a result, Cypress Lake Drive from US-41 to Summerlin Drive was potentially going to be closed to traffic for up to 48 hours. One westbound lane of Cypress Lake and part of the eastbound turning lane into the Cypress Lake Trace Shopping Plaza was expected

to remain closed until June 27. Workers stated the water main break is partly due to heavy rain and aging pipes. A boil-water notice was issued for all of Cypress Trace Shopping Center, and Spring Lake Condos in south Fort Myers.

Source: <http://www.nbc-2.com/story/18865957/water-main-break-causes-outage-in-s-fort-myers>

23. *June 24, Associated Press* – (New York) **Small fire at NYC airport causes brief evacuation.** A small electrical fire underneath an X-ray machine at New York City's LaGuardia Airport caused a brief evacuation of a terminal June 24. The fire was quickly extinguished after the terminal was briefly evacuated to allow smoke to dissipate, and the screening of passengers resumed within an hour. Three Port Authority of New York and New Jersey police officers were treated for smoke inhalation after the fire under a Transportation Security Administration machine. Also, June 24, a terminal at New York City's John F. Kennedy International Airport was evacuated for about 2 hours after a metal detector malfunctioned at a security checkpoint.  
Source: <http://www.nbc29.com/story/18867897/small-fire-at-nyc-airport-causes-brief-evacuation>
24. *June 23, Atlanta Journal-Constitution* – (National) **Flights to NYC returning to normal.** Flights in and out of New York City were returning to normal June 23 after Delta Air Lines canceled hundreds due to thunderstorms June 22. A fire at a Federal Aviation Administration technical center in New Jersey also forced the agency to resort to backup communication systems to manage the flow of air traffic across the country, a spokeswoman said. The center's operations were also restored. Delta Air Lines, the largest carrier serving Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport, canceled 321 flights in and out of New York, a spokesman said. By June 23, flights schedules were returning to normal. A Southwest Airlines spokeswoman also said operations out of Atlanta were running smoothly with no major delays.  
Source: <http://www.ajc.com/business/flights-to-nyc-returning-1463243.html>
25. *June 23, Associated Press; Wilmington News Journal* – (Delaware) **Port of Wilmington to pay fine for pesticide releases, will spend \$200k on monitoring.** The Port of Wilmington in Delaware agreed to pay a \$50,000 penalty and spend at least \$200,000 on monitoring after environmental regulators cited the agency for unapproved releases of pesticides that happened when fruit shipments were fumigated, the Associated Press reported June 23. The News Journal of Wilmington reported a pesticide contractor, Royal Pest Solutions Inc., was also fined and ordered to contribute to the air protection program. The Delaware Department of Natural Resources said tests in 2011 found the fumigation of fruit and vegetable cargos is a major local source of toxic emissions.  
Source:  
<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/e87098cb0cab4b34b6f2744828daf7ec/DE--Port-Pesticide-Fines>

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

26. *June 25, Associated Press* – (International) **First fishing catch since Japan nuclear disaster goes on sale amid radiation worries.** The first seafood caught off Japan's Fukushima coastline since the 2011 nuclear disaster went on sale June 25, but the offerings were limited to octopus and marine snails because of persisting fears about radiation. Octopus and whelk, a kind of marine snail, were chosen for the initial shipments because testing for radioactive cesium consistently measured no detectable amounts, said the Fukushima Prefectural (state) fishing cooperative. They were caught June 22 and boiled so they last longer while being tested for radiation before they could be sold June 25. Flounder, sea bass, and other fish from Fukushima cannot be sold yet because of contamination. It was unclear when they will be approved for sale as they measure above the limit in radiation set by the government. An official in charge of sales at the fishing cooperative in Soma city said he hoped crabs would be next to go on sale as radiation had not been detected in them, but he noted things will take time, perhaps years, especially for other kinds of fish. Radiation amounts have been decreasing, but cesium lasts years. Farmlands were also contaminated, and every grain of rice will be tested at harvest in some areas before they can be sold.  
Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia\\_pacific/first-fishing-catch-since-japan-nuclear-disaster-goes-on-sale-after-radiation-testing/2012/06/25/gJQAbRzB1V\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/world/asia_pacific/first-fishing-catch-since-japan-nuclear-disaster-goes-on-sale-after-radiation-testing/2012/06/25/gJQAbRzB1V_story.html)
27. *June 25, Reuters* – (Florida) **Florida orange trees threatened on tropical storm flooding.** Florida's orange crop, the world's second largest, faced damage as Tropical Storm Debby drenched groves and caused flooding in some areas, said a senior risk meteorologist for British Weather Services, Reuters reported June 25. Some areas of Florida may receive 10 inches of rain by June 28, he said June 25. Much of the central part of the State and the Panhandle were under a tornado watch, while coastal areas had flood warnings, National Weather Service data showed. Florida's orange harvest starts in October and runs through July. Production in the 2011-2012 crop year will total 146.2 million boxes, up from 140.5 million boxes the previous year, the U.S. Department of Agriculture said June 12.  
Source: <http://www.toledoblade.com/business/2012/06/25/Florida-orange-trees-threatened-on-tropical-storm-flooding.html>
28. *June 24, Food Safety News* – (National) **Dole recalls thousand cases of bagged salads for Listeria.** Due to possible Listeria risk, Dole Fresh Vegetables voluntarily recalled 1,077 cases of bagged salads, most of which are likely not on shelves any longer, Food Safety News reported June 24. The products being recalled are Kroger Fresh Selections

Greener Supreme, Kroger Fresh Selections Leafy Romaine, and Walmart Marketside Leafy Romaine. Dole Fresh Vegetables said it is coordinating closely with regulatory officials. The salads were distributed in six U.S. States: Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/06/dole-recalls-thousand-cases-of-bagged-salads-for-listeria/>

29. *June 23, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Va. expands emerald ash borer quarantine.** Six localities were added to Virginia’s emerald ash borer quarantine, the Associated Press reported June 23. The Virginia Agriculture and Consumer Services commissioner said the destructive beetle was detected in or near Charlotte, Halifax, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, and Pittsylvania counties and in Danville. He said June 22 movement of ash trees, untreated ash lumber products, and hardwood firewood is prohibited outside the quarantined area. Other localities previously quarantined are Arlington, Clarke, Fairfax, Fauquier, Frederick, Loudoun, and Prince William counties, and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, Manassas Park, and Winchester.  
Source: <http://www.wtop.com/41/2914723/Va-expands-emerald-ash-borer-quarantine->
30. *June 22, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (California) **Healthy Choice recalls all sizes of Liquid Gold Carrot Juice including 128oz, 64oz, 32oz, and 16oz because of possible health risk.** Healthy Choice Island Blends, Inc. of Los Angeles recalled all sizes of LIQUID GOLD CARROT JUICE including 128 ounce, 64 ounce, 32 ounce, and 16 ounce, because it has the potential to be contaminated with Clostridium botulinum, which can cause botulism, a serious and potentially fatal food-borne illness. Liquid Gold Carrot Juice was distributed in California and sold wholesale to produce companies, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported June 22.  
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm309569.htm>
31. *June 22, Food Safety News* – (National) **Illness in Louisiana brings E. coli O145 outbreak count to 15.** One new illness in Louisiana brought the case count to 15 in the ongoing E. coli O145 outbreak in the southern United States and California, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Food Safety News reported June 22. A toddler died May 31 after falling ill to the outbreak strain. The source of the outbreak remains unknown as officials continue to investigate, but experts believe it originated in food. Four people were hospitalized. The case count by State is as follows: Alabama (2 illnesses), California (1), Florida (1), Georgia (5), Louisiana (5), and Tennessee (1). According to the CDC, the last reported illness onset dates back 6 weeks, meaning the outbreak may have ended.  
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/06/illness-in-louisiana-brings-e-coli-o145-outbreak-count-to-15/>
32. *June 22, Reuters* – (Wyoming) **Citing drought, Wyoming governor seeks disaster declaration.** Wyoming’s governor, citing drought conditions, asked for a federal disaster declaration after dwindling runoff from meager winter snowpack combined with an especially dry spring and early summer hit ranchers hard, his office said June 22. The request, if successful, could help farmers qualify for federal aid based on poor

grass and hay production that has driven many to sell off cattle. Statewide, ranchers have lost about half of their pasture grass and hay production on non-irrigated lands in 2012, and producers in affected areas were “really struggling,” the deputy director for the Wyoming Department of Agriculture said. He said the southern part of Wyoming was suffering the most. Data compiled by the National Drought Mitigation Center showed that more than two thirds of the topsoil in Wyoming was now rated as either too dry for normal plant growth or too dry for any growth or seed germination.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/06/23/usa-drought-wyoming-idUSL2E8HN00120120623>

33. *June 22, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **Alpena Co. dairy herd tests positive for bovine TB.** Officials said a medium-sized dairy herd in Michigan’s northeastern Lower Peninsula tested positive for bovine tuberculosis (TB). The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development announced the results June 22 for the Alpena County cattle following testing by the agency and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The Alpena County farm was quarantined. Federal officials designated most of the Lower Peninsula as free of bovine TB. A high-risk zone remains in Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, and Oscoda counties. Bovine TB is a contagious bacterial disease of cattle and other animals. Authorities found it among Michigan deer in 1994. Since testing began, 54 Michigan cattle herds have been affected by bovine TB.

Source:

<http://www.detroitnews.com/article/20120622/METRO/206220407/1361/Alpena-Co.-dairy-herd-tests-positive-for-bovine-TB>

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## **Water Sector**

34. *June 25, WILX 10 Onondaga* – (Michigan) **Summit Twp residents return home after chlorine leak.** Dozens of Summit Township, Michigan residents returned to their homes June 25 after a chlorine leak at a nearby plant forced them to evacuate for more than 12 hours. The chlorine leaks were found June 24 in three of the five containers at a water treatment plant substation. The Jackson County Sheriff’s Department called a HAZMAT team to haul away the leaking containers to ensure they did not crack again.

Source:

[http://www.wilx.com/news/headlines/Summit\\_Twp\\_Residents\\_Return\\_Home\\_After\\_Chlorine\\_Leak\\_160226315.html](http://www.wilx.com/news/headlines/Summit_Twp_Residents_Return_Home_After_Chlorine_Leak_160226315.html)

35. *June 25, Minneapolis Star Tribune* – (Minnesota) **Duluth eyes rebuilding for a wetter climate.** One of the biggest tasks facing Duluth, Michigan, in the aftermath of historic flash flooding will be repairing the city’s 400-mile storm-water removal system, the Minneapolis Star Tribune reported June 25. The city’s network of sewers, culverts, ditches, and basins, in some places more than 100 years old, suffered “extensive damage all over the city,” said the Duluth’s chief engineer of utilities. Climate scientists say increasing precipitation, particularly from intense thunderstorms, is a

symptom of ongoing climate warming. The Upper Midwest saw a 31 percent increase in “intense” rainfalls from 1958 to 2007, over previous decades, according to the National Climatic Data Center. Rain during June 18 and 19 in Duluth, measuring from 7 to more than 10 inches, was in some places nearly double what is regarded as the city’s 1 percent-chance rainfall. The task facing Duluth, with its steep hills, clay-over-rock geology, and the need for an immediate fix — is “daunting,” said a coastal communities educator for Minnesota Sea Grant, a research entity funded by the University of Minnesota and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. In the metro area, more than two dozen communities in the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District launched a study to brainstorm new storm-water management strategies — bigger pipes, more absorbent surfaces, underground storage — in the face of increasing precipitation.

Source: <http://www.startribune.com/local/160198125.html>

36. *June 22, Pueblo Chieftan* – (Colorado) **Fort Carson puts 10,000 gallons of sewage, oil into Fountain Creek.** A spill of 10,000 gallons from a sanitary sewer lift station at Fort Carson, Colorado, including small amounts of petroleum, was reported to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) June 7, according to information provided by the Colorado Water Quality Control Division. Sewer spills at Fort Carson, a federal facility, are regulated directly by the EPA. The spill occurred at a pre-treatment plant meant to separate oil from water before water is routed through a sewer plant. The EPA is evaluating corrective actions and steps that must be taken to prevent future overflows, said an environmental engineer with the EPA. The cause of the spill was an extreme rain that caused a manhole to overflow, sending the sewage into a ditch leading to Fountain Creek.

Source: [http://www.chieftain.com/news/local/fort-carson-puts-gallons-of-sewage-oil-into-fountain-creek/article\\_e0bc2244-bc2a-11e1-b9ae-001a4bcf887a.html](http://www.chieftain.com/news/local/fort-carson-puts-gallons-of-sewage-oil-into-fountain-creek/article_e0bc2244-bc2a-11e1-b9ae-001a4bcf887a.html)

37. *June 21, St. Louis Post-Dispatch* – (Missouri) **Russell Stover agrees to EPA fine of \$585,000.** Russell Stover Candies agreed to pay \$585,000 to settle alleged violations of the federal Clean Water Act at its plant in Iola, Kansas, the U.S. Department of Justice and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced June 21. The EPA conducted an audit in June 2008 and found the Kansas City candy maker was discharging acidic wastewater to a government-owned sewage treatment plant. Russell Stover did not fix the problem until the EPA issued a compliance order in July 2009, the agency said in a news release. The EPA said Russell Stover was discharging acidic wastewater for years, causing deterioration of sewer lines and manholes in Iola. The consent decree requires Russell Stover to perform compliance monitoring for 2 years and submit a plan if the monitoring shows noncompliance.

Source: <http://www.kansascity.com/2012/06/21/3669820/russell-stover-agrees-to-epa-fine.html>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

38. *June 23, Tulsa Daily World* – (Oklahoma) **Woman robs pharmacy, fires flare gun into store.** A woman armed with a semiautomatic hand gun and a flare gun robbed a Med-X pharmacy located in Tulsa, Oklahoma, June 23, according to Tulsa police. She entered the store and demanded drugs from the pharmacy and also stole cash from the register. The woman then pulled out a flare gun and fired a flare into one of the waiting area chairs, catching it on fire. She then left the store and got into a sports utility vehicle and fled.  
Source: [http://www.tulsaworld.com/specialprojects/news/crimewatch/article.aspx?subjectid=450&articleid=20120623\\_450\\_0\\_Awomen180455](http://www.tulsaworld.com/specialprojects/news/crimewatch/article.aspx?subjectid=450&articleid=20120623_450_0_Awomen180455)
39. *June 22, WESA 90.5 FM Pittsburgh* – (Pennsylvania) **Security at hospitals to be amped up.** Pennsylvania’s Allegheny County District Attorney said he increased security at county hospitals with psychiatric wards as a result of a March shooting at UPMC’s Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic (WPIC) in Pittsburgh that left two people dead and several others injured, WESA 90.5 Pittsburgh reported June 22. WPIC and 10 other Allegheny County hospitals with psychiatric wards will be equipped with basic safety technology such as bulletproof glass and card wipes, and more intricate computer technology, such as 360 degree scanning technology that would allow law enforcement to know the layout of buildings before responding to a call. The district attorney also reportedly said he will convene a grand jury to investigate the Western Psych shooting. Criminal charges could be assigned if it is determined that someone could have prevented the incident.  
Source: <http://www.essentialpublicradio.org/story/2012-06-22/security-hospitals-be-amped-11544>
40. *June 22, CSO* – (National) **FDA eye on medical device software after recall link.** The Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA) Office of Science and Engineering Laboratories will dedicate more time testing software quality and security to reduce the failure rate cited in a 2011 annual report released June 15, CSO reported June 22. The testing increase is needed to prevent injury or death as a result of software that has been poorly designed or written. In a statement sent to Threatpost, the FDA said it is developing “techniques and laboratory expertise to assist our review staff in identifying potential vulnerabilities and evaluating risk mitigation measures.” Software within medical devices poses a risk to patient safety, as well as security of personal medical data stored in the devices. The risk has increased, as devices are being designed and operated as special purpose computers. Many of these devices are connected to networks that could be vulnerable to malware attacks.  
Source: <http://www.csoonline.com/article/708946/fda-eye-on-medical-device-software-after-recall-link>

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## Government Facilities Sector

41. *June 22, Bloomberg* – (Washington, D.C.) **Moroccan man pleads guilty of plot to bomb U.S. Capitol.** June 22, a Moroccan immigrant pleaded guilty to attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction in a suicide bombing at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. He entered the plea before a federal judge in exchange for a prison sentence of 25-30 years, a spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office said. He was arrested in a parking garage near the Capitol February 17 after meeting with an undercover agent posing as a member of an armed extremist group. He was taken into custody as he began walking toward the Capitol carrying a MAC-10 automatic weapon and wearing a vest containing what he believed to be a functioning bomb, according to an affidavit filed in the case by an FBI agent. The weapons, both of which were provided by the government, had been made inoperable by investigators, prosecutors said.

Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-06-22/el-khalifi-pleads-guilty-in-sting-plot-to-bomb-u-s-capitol.html>

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## Emergency Services Sector

42. *June 25, Associated Press* – (Mississippi; Georgia) **Two accused of stealing equipment from FBI vehicle.** Two Hattiesburg, Mississippi men are accused of stealing guns, ammunition, and a bulletproof vest with FBI placards from an FBI vehicle parked outside an agent's house in Hattiesburg, the Associated Press reported June 25. The Hattiesburg American reported federal court documents show a man was arrested at Fort Benning, Georgia, where he was in basic training, and was ordered back to Mississippi. It said another man was arrested June 23 on a State burglary charge. A sworn statement by an agent said one man implicated the other. One of the men is accused of theft of government property worth more than \$1,000, and possession, concealment, storage, bartering, selling, and disposal of stolen firearms and ammunition. The affidavit said the equipment was found missing June 6.

Source: <http://www.commercialappeal.com/news/2012/jun/25/in-02/>

43. *June 25, Jamestown Sun* – (North Dakota) **911 calls affected by outage again.** A cut cable impacted long distance and 9-1-1 service in Jamestown and Valley City, North Dakota, June 23, but people could still get through to emergency services by calling 9-1-1 and the outage was fixed by the afternoon. During the 3.5-hour outage, 9-1-1 calls were rerouted. Local calling was unaffected, so people within Jamestown could call other people in Jamestown and people in Valley City could call within Valley City. The same fiber was cut that had been cut June 14, which caused a 7-hour outage that day. Century Link repaired the fiber, but it was accidentally cut again by a farmer.

Source: <http://www.jamestownsun.com/event/article/id/163685/group/News/>

44. *June 22, McClatchy Newspapers* – (National) **US Bureau of Prisons to arm some guards with pepper spray.** Corrections officers at U.S. Penitentiary Atwater in California, and six other federal prisons now will be armed with pepper spray, prompted in part by a 2008 murder, the Miami Herald reported June 22. Urged on by lawmakers, U.S. Bureau of Prisons officials are training selected officers to use the spray canisters that can drop a violent inmate from up to 12 feet away. Although described as a “pilot program” that will formally start in several weeks, the decision marks a policy shift for officials who until now have warned against the dangers of arming prison guards. Besides Atwater, which opened in 2001, the pepper spray will be distributed to guards at other high-security federal prisons in Colorado, Pennsylvania, Florida, Virginia, and Louisiana. Training is under way, and the pepper spray is supposed to be deployed by August, with officials planning to study its use and effectiveness in 2013.  
Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2012/06/22/2863213/us-bureau-of-prisons-to-arm-some.html>
45. *June 22, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **Man impersonating police officer arrested in Maryland after trying to pull over off-duty cop.** Police in Maryland, said a man impersonating a police officer found himself at the wrong end of the law when he tried to pull over a real off-duty cop, the Associated Press reported June 22. The man activated police lights in the windshield of his pickup truck June 20 and attempted a traffic stop. However, the man he pulled over was an off-duty officer driving his private vehicle. The off-duty officer identified himself and the impersonator said he was a military police officer from Louisiana and that the officer was speeding. Police said the officer told the suspect he had no jurisdiction, and that the blue and red emergency lights were illegal in Maryland. He fled, but the officer followed and called Prince George’s County police, who arrested him.  
Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/man-impersonating-police-officer-arrested-in-maryland-after-trying-to-pull-over-off-duty-cop/2012/06/22/gJQA5iQ0uV\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/man-impersonating-police-officer-arrested-in-maryland-after-trying-to-pull-over-off-duty-cop/2012/06/22/gJQA5iQ0uV_story.html)
46. *June 22, WSAV 3 Savannah* – (Georgia) **Savannah-Chatham 911 call center reopened after evacuation.** Authorities said a strange odor prompted the evacuation of the Savannah-Chatham, Georgia 9-1-1 call center the evening of June 22, WSAV 3 reported. Savannah-Chatham Metro Police (SCMPD) said workers noticed a strange smell. The center was evacuated, and EMS was called. Savannah Fire and Emergency Services HAZMAT was called to figure out the source of the smell. A battalion chief said a can of pesticide apparently made several people ill. A few people were treated at the scene, and one person was taken to the hospital but is expected to be okay. The call center was back open. The SCMPD said Tybee Island temporarily took the county’s 9-1-1 calls, and authorities said services were not interrupted. Police said dispatchers used hand held radios to dispatch calls.  
Source: <http://www2.wsav.com/news/2012/jun/22/4/savannah-chatham-911-call-center-evacuated-ar-4024131/>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

47. *June 25, H Security* – (International) **Lulzsec’s Topiary and Ni plead guilty to DDoS attacks.** Two members of the Lulzsec hacker group pleaded guilty to charges they attacked several well known Web sites. The Guardian reported they confessed to attacks on the United Kingdom’s Serious Organized Crime Agency, National Health Service, and News International, as well as Sony, Nintendo, Arizona State police, and other sites in distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks designed to cause the sites to crash. One of the pair also confessed to four separate charges including hacking into U.S. Air Force Agency computers at the U.S. Department of Defense.  
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Lulzsec-s-Topiary-and-Ni-plead-guilty-to-DDoS-attacks-1625598.html>
48. *June 25, H Security* – (International) **Update for Windows Update has teething troubles.** Microsoft released an unscheduled, non-patch day update for Windows to update the Windows Update function itself. However, according to reports from readers, the Windows Update Agent update does not always run smoothly; the H’s associates at heise Security also ran into problems on their test systems. A staggered dissemination of the update took place over the past 3 to 4 days. Users who run Windows Update are confronted with a message that says an update for Windows Update must be installed before the system can check for other updates. On some computers, clicking the “Install Updates” button results in a failed installation with error code 80070057 or 8007041B. On heise Security’s test Windows 7 computer, repeatedly attempting the update (click on “Check for updates” on the left) did eventually result in the update being successfully applied. Microsoft provided a “Fix it” toolDirect download for more stubborn cases in Knowledge Base Article 949104.  
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Update-for-Windows-Update-has-teething-troubles-1624979.html>
49. *June 25, H Security* – (International) **Exploited despite Adobe’s sandbox.** Adobe Reader X runs in a sandbox at a very restricted privilege level. Important system calls are supposed to be handled by a special broker process that will subject them to extensive testing. However, a small design flaw allows attackers to escape from this sandbox and execute arbitrary code — despite having both Address Space Layout Randomization (ASLR) and Data Execution Prevention (DEP). As described by a researcher, the broker process is at the heart of the exploit as it uses a memory page allocated via VirtualAllocEx to store the overwritten code of system calls that have been redirected to the broker. Despite having ASLR, however, the memory address returned by VirtualAllocEx is not randomized. This means the Windows system function call will end up in a predictable, “nearly constant” location that the exploit can then access directly.  
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Worth-Reading-Escape-from-Adobe-s-sandbox-1625545.html>

50. *June 22, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Vulnerable SAP deployments make prime attack targets.** Russian security firm ERPScan, using a combination of TCP scans and Google, found that nearly a quarter of the organizations running vulnerable versions of SAP are taking risk by leaving them exposed to the Internet. This discovery, the research says, dispels the myth that SAP systems are only available from the internal network, leading to the misconception that they are protected by design. “SAP Routers themselves can have security misconfigurations but the real problem is the 8 [percent] that companies also expose, for example, SAP Dispatcher service directly to the Internet circumventing SAP Router,” the report notes.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/vulnerable-sap-deployments-make-prime-attack-targets>

51. *June 22, PC Magazine* – (International) **Malware-as-a-service simplifies launching cyber-attacks.** Enterprising criminals are offering tools for crafting malicious campaigns, malware hosting, and command and control infrastructure as software-as-a-service, a research engineer at AlienVault said June 22. Called Capfire4, the service provides cyber-criminals who may not have the technical know-how all the necessary skills and knowledge needed to launch a cyberattack. With this cloud service, “clients” pay to access a Web portal where they can generate personalized trojans, manage and control the victims’ systems infected with their malware, and host their own malicious samples, according to the engineer. The portal is promoted as a service to remote control computers and “recover passwords,” he said.

Source: <http://securitywatch.pcmag.com/none/299448-malware-as-a-service-simplifies-launching-cyber-attacks>

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### Internet Alert Dashboard

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US-CERT at [sos@us-cert.gov](mailto:sos@us-cert.gov) or visit their Web site: <http://www.us-cert.gov>

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

52. *June 24, TVSpy* – (California) **Power outage knocks KCAL off the air during newscast.** A power outage in Studio City knocked KCBS 2 Los Angeles and KCAL 9 Los Angeles off the air June 22 in the middle of a newscast, TV Spy reported June 24. A backup generator kicked in and KCAL was able to start its newscast on time, but then the connection between the generator and the building failed, knocking the stations off the air. The stations returned to the air around just an hour after the power initially went out, and KCAL was able to resume its local newscast with intermittent audio. Two hours after, the broadcast had been fully restored, just in time for KCBS’s late newscast.

Source: [http://www.mediabistro.com/tvspy/power-outage-knocks-kcal-off-the-air-during-newscast\\_b52799](http://www.mediabistro.com/tvspy/power-outage-knocks-kcal-off-the-air-during-newscast_b52799)

53. *June 23, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* – (West Virginia) **One dead as plane hits tower in state forest.** One person died June 22 after a small plane crashed into a radio tower near Morgantown, West Virginia. The person riding in a Hawker Beechcraft BE90 hit a tower in Coopers Rock State Forest, officials said. A spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) said preliminary reports indicated that only the pilot was aboard the plane. The FAA and National Transportation Safety Board are investigating.

Source: <http://www.post-gazette.com/stories/local/region/one-dead-as-plane-hits-tower-in-state-forest-641569/>

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## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

54. *June 25, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **Tourist destinations, homes destroyed in ongoing disaster.** Wildfires moved in on some of Colorado's most popular summer tourist destinations the weekend of June 23, destroying nearly two dozen homes near Rocky Mountain National Park and emptying hotels and campgrounds at the base of Pikes Peak. A wildfire near Colorado Springs erupted June 23 and grew out of control to more than 3 square miles early June 24, prompting the evacuation of more than 11,000 residents and an unknown number of tourists. A fire destroyed structures near the mountain community of Estes Park, where many visitors stay while visiting the park. The Larimer County Sheriff's Office said 22 homes and 2 outbuildings were burned. The two fires were among eight burning in Colorado the week of June 25, a key time for family vacations to national parks and other destinations. A Statewide ban on open campfires and private fireworks has been in place for more than a week. Half of the nation's firefighting fleet is battling fires in Colorado, said the governor. C-130 military transport planes from Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs were slated to begin assisting June 25, he said.

Source: <http://www.nashuatelegraph.com/news/worldnation/965633-227/tourist-destinations-homes-destroyed-in-ongoing-disaster.html>

55. *June 25, Associated Press* – (Florida) **Debby soaks Fla.; gov declares statewide emergency.** Tropical Storm Debby drenched Florida with heavy rains, flooded low-lying neighborhoods, and knocked out power to thousands as it lingered off the coast June 25. The governor declared a statewide emergency, and a tropical storm warning was in effect for most of Florida's Gulf coast. In St. Pete Beach, a tornado ripped the roof off a marina and an apartment complex. State officials estimated at least 35,000 homes and businesses were without power. The storm closed the sole bridge to St. George Island, a popular vacation island in Florida. Power was already out on the island and authorities said it could be out for days. Residents in several counties near the crook of Florida's elbow were urged to leave low-lying neighborhoods because of

the threat of flooding. High winds forced the closure of an interstate bridge that spans Tampa Bay and links St. Petersburg with areas to the southeast. In several locations, homes and businesses were damaged by high winds authorities believe were from tornadoes.

Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/Debby-s-slow-march-through-Gulf-drenches-Florida-3659905.php>

56. *June 25, Los Angeles Times* – (International) **Indian police arrest suspect in 2008 Mumbai terror attack.** Indian police said June 25 they have arrested an Indian national allegedly involved in helping plan and provide real-time directions for a deadly 2008 terror attack in Mumbai, India. The suspect reportedly served as a handler and Hindi teacher for the 10 gunmen who carried out the assault in which 166 people were killed, including several Americans, in India's financial capital over a 3-day period. Media reports, citing official sources, said the alleged member of the Pakistani-based militant group Lashkar-e-Taiba was arrested at Delhi's international airport June 21 while returning to India from Saudi Arabia. Indian security officials have reportedly identified the suspect as the previously unknown voice on intercepted recordings who gave instructions to the gunmen in real time as the attack unfolded. The 166 victims were killed in attacks on two luxury hotels, a Jewish center, and a train station. Nine of the gunmen were killed, and one was captured. That gunman was convicted in May 2010 of murder and waging war on India. He is awaiting execution.

Source: [http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/world\\_now/2012/06/indian-police-arrest-suspect-in-2008-mumbai-terror-attack.html](http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/world_now/2012/06/indian-police-arrest-suspect-in-2008-mumbai-terror-attack.html)

57. *June 23, Washington Examiner* – (Maryland) **Storm displaces hundreds in Prince George's County.** A rare microburst June 22 in Prince George's County, Maryland, displaced hundreds of residents and left thousands without power. The microburst hit Bladensburg, county Homeland Security officials confirmed June 23. The storm initially displaced between 300 and 600 residents, most who live in 15 garden-style apartment buildings. The storm also damaged a single-family house. County firefighters responded to more than 235 calls in the 4 hours during and after the storm, according to county fire and emergency medical services officials. Two people were taken to local hospitals for minor injuries. Thousands of residents in Prince George's and Montgomery counties, and Washington D.C. lost power. At the worst points of the storm, 30,000 Prince George's County residents were without electricity, a county spokesman said.

Source: <http://washingtosexaminer.com/storm-displaces-hundreds-in-prince-georges-county/article/2500463>

58. *June 23, Aberdeen American News* – (South Dakota) **Hotel pool evacuated: Chlorine overload causes issue.** Firefighters and paramedics responded to the Best Western Ramkota Hotel in Aberdeen, South Dakota, June 22, due to a chlorine overload at the hotel's pool, according to the battalion chief. Responders evacuated the pool and surrounding area. One individual was taken to Avera St. Luke's Hospital in an ambulance, and a few others drove themselves to the hospital. Several other people who were near the pool area were observed at the scene, but declined further treatment, he said. The battalion chief believes the overload of chlorine was caused by an

equipment malfunction.

Source: [http://articles.aberdeennews.com/2012-06-23/news/32385458\\_1\\_hotel-pool-chlorine-overload](http://articles.aberdeennews.com/2012-06-23/news/32385458_1_hotel-pool-chlorine-overload)

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

59. *June 24, Summit Daily News* – (Colorado) **320-acre Treasure fire burns between Leadville and Alma.** The Treasure fire was burning near Mosquito Peak outside of Leadville, Colorado, on the west side of the Mosquito Range. Apparently human-triggered, the fire grew from 100 acres June 23 to 320 acres by late June 24. The fire was roughly 10 percent contained.  
Source: <http://www.summitdaily.com/article/20120624/NEWS/120629910/1078&ParentProfile=1055>
60. *June 24, Associated Press; Ventura County Star* – (California) **Fire burns 600 plus acres near CA off-road area.** The U.S. Forest Service said the fire near California's Hungry Valley State Vehicular Recreation Area in an unincorporated area adjoining Los Padres National Forest was 60 percent contained June 24. Officials estimated that it burned at least 689 acres. The Ventura County Star reported that six helicopters dropped water from the air while ground crews focused on cutting lines between the burned and untouched vegetation to help stop the fire's spread.  
Source: [http://www.mercurynews.com/news/ci\\_20929213/fire-north-la-triggers-camp-evacuations](http://www.mercurynews.com/news/ci_20929213/fire-north-la-triggers-camp-evacuations)
61. *June 23, Associated Press* – (Utah; Nevada; New Mexico) **Utah wildfire evacuees allowed to return to homes.** About 2,300 Utah wildfire evacuees were allowed to return to their homes the evening of June 23 after officials determined the fire no longer posed a threat to them. The decision came after the fire had burned June 22, within a quarter mile of some homes in Saratoga Springs and Eagle Mountain, about 40 miles south of Salt Lake City, a Bureau of Land Management (BLM) spokeswoman said. The evacuation order affected nearly 600 homes and roughly 2,300 residents. The fire that officials believe was started June 21 by target shooters was 30 percent contained the evening of June, with full containment expected June 26. Crews also were battling a 16,500-acre brush fire on high desert near the town of Delta in central Utah. The human-caused fire was 60 percent contained June 23, a BLM spokesman said. In Nevada, a wildfire that scorched more than 11,000 acres of rugged terrain in northeast Nevada near the Utah line was 75 percent contained. In New Mexico, a lightning-caused wildfire that destroyed 242 homes and businesses was 90 percent contained after crews got a break in the weather. Meanwhile, the more than 464-square-mile Whitewater-Baldy blaze, the largest in New Mexico's history, was 87 percent contained.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/thousands-flee-homes-threatened-utah-fire-16634116#.T-hl25FgrYR>

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62. *June 24, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **Orleans Levee District closes flood gates on Saturday in preparation for Tropical Storm Debby.** The threat of Tropical Storm Debby moving north from the Gulf of Mexico forced the Orleans Levee District to close seven floodgates June 23 on the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal in Louisiana, also known as the Industrial Canal. According to the regional chief engineer for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East, the gates are closed to give a protection elevation of up to 5 feet. He said Public Belt Railroad gates were being monitored and may need to be closed on depending on rising tide levels. The Bayou Beinvenue and Bayou Dupree flood control structures were also closed, according to the chief. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Port of New Orleans were also closely monitoring water elevations.

Source:

[http://www.nola.com/hurricane/index.ssf/2012/06/orleans\\_levee\\_district\\_closes.html](http://www.nola.com/hurricane/index.ssf/2012/06/orleans_levee_district_closes.html)

63. *June 23, Sacramento Bee* – (California) **Flood barriers going up in south Sacramento.** The South Sacramento Streams Group project was approved to boost flood protection along 1.6 miles of Unionhouse Creek in Sacramento, California, June 22. Construction began in May on another project: a floodwall along part of Morrison Creek. The goal of the \$1.9 million project is to reduce flood risk on a complex of creeks that meet at Freeport. The creeks once flowed naturally into the Sacramento River, but a century of levee building and urbanization altered their route and shape. The creeks — Morrison, Florin, Elder, and Unionhouse — were long ago rerouted and channelized to control flooding and make way for homes. By 2009, new levees and floodwalls succeeded in removing 25,000 homes in the Pocket and Meadowview areas from the 100-year floodplain, lifting a federal flood insurance mandate. Officials hoped to award a contract for the work in July, start work in August and finish by November.

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/2012/06/23/4583399/flood-barriers-going-up-in-south.html>

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