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- Eight screeners at Newark Liberty International Airport in New Jersey were fired June 27 after they were caught on video sleeping on the job or failing to follow standard operating procedures for screening checked bags. – *WNBC 4 New York* (See item [21](#))
- The FBI has joined local Colorado authorities in investigating reports an arsonist may have set a wildfire that had burned more than 18,000 acres, destroyed hundreds of homes and other structures, and forced tens of thousands of people to evacuate. – *CNN* (See item [56](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *June 27, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **More than 49,000 without power following Va. storm.** More than 49,000 Dominion Virginia Power customers in the Richmond, Virginia area remained without electricity following a powerful storm that blew over trees, damaged buildings, and downed power lines. The utility said it expected to restore electricity to most customers by June 27. However, electricity may not have been restored in some isolated areas until June 28. Media outlets reported the June 25 storm damaged at least three skyboxes and portions of the outfield wall at The Diamond, home of the minor league Richmond Squirrels. A section of the roof of a warehouse housing the State tax department's operations center was also torn off. A Henrico fire captain told the Richmond Times-Dispatch that six people were injured. Source: <http://www2.wsls.com/news/2012/jun/28/more-than-49000-without-power-following-va-storm-ar-2020254/>
2. *June 27, KSNT 27 Topeka* – (Kansas) **Union Pacific coal train derails near Junction City.** A Union Pacific coal train, on a run from Colorado to Memphis, Tennessee, derailed June 27 near Junction City, Kansas. Twenty-one coal cars of the 105 car train left the tracks, and some tipped over on their sides. Union Pacific Crews worked through the night to clear the tracks. A Union Pacific spokesman said the tracks might be clear and open again by late June 28. The cars were carrying loads of coal ranging from 75 tons to 100 tons per car. The spokesman said the coal on the ground is now called "dirty coal" and cannot be delivered to an electric company. That coal will be piled up on the side of the tracks and a contractor will arrive to collect it. Dirty coal is taken and sold to foundries whose requirements do not include clean coal. Source: http://www.ksnt.com/news/state/story/Union-Pacific-coal-train-derails-near-Junction/ed0HAqGwGkiffH1Ba_4tgQ.csp
3. *June 25, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **BP explosion kills 1, hurts 2 in western Colorado.** Authorities said one person was killed and two others were seriously injured in an explosion at a gas compression station in Durango, Colorado. The Durango Herald reported the explosion occurred June 25 at a facility owned by BP. U.S. 160 was closed because of the explosion but reopened about 1 hour later. Source: <http://www.koaa.com/news/bp-explosion-kills-1-hurts-2-in-western-colorado/>

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Chemical Industry Sector

4. *June 28, Marshall Independent* – (Minnesota) **Alcohol spill in Tracy result of overfilled tanker.** The Tracy, Minnesota fire chief confirmed that the cause of an alcohol spill incident on train tracks June 25 was the result of an overfilled tanker. He said a tank car containing denatured alcohol was reported leaking. Responding firefighters laid a blanket of Class B foam around the tank car to prevent ignition. Police evacuated residents of five houses downwind from the tank car. They were

allowed to return about 5 hours after the leak was discovered. The fire chief said the tanker was not damaged or overturned. “Canadian Pacific [CP] sent a HAZMAT team who temporarily contained the leak to get the tank car moved to the yard,” he said. “Then it started leaking again early June 26. We repeated the same procedure. CP came back and transferred the contents to another rail car.”

Source: <http://www.marshallindependent.com/page/content.detail/id/534788/Alcohol-spill-in-Tracy-result-of-overfilled-tanker.html?nav=5015>

5. *June 28, New Hampshire Union Leader* – (New Hampshire) **Ammonia leak contained at Velcro USA ; No injuries reported.** It took firefighters about 3 hours to stop a leak in an 8,000 gallon tank of ammonia June 28 at Velcro USA in Manchester, New Hampshire. A district fire chief said an alarm went off in a 20-by-40-foot out-building, bringing about a half-dozen fire trucks, several ambulances, and a HAZMAT team to the complex. He said no employees were inside the building, but workers in other buildings downwind from the tank were evacuated. Emergency crews found the problem was caused by a braided stainless steel fitting that had become loose, causing the anhydrous ammonia to leak at a rate of about 30 gallons per hour, according to fire officials. They tightened the fitting to stop the leak, and poured water on the tank and into the berm beneath the tank to dilute the ammonia. The district chief said some vapors escaped the building but because there was low humidity and a “good gust of wind,” it dissipated quickly.

Source: <http://www.unionleader.com/article/20120628/NEWS07/120629658>

6. *June 27, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Full-fledged General Chemical cleanup in Framingham to start in late July.** Initial scrutiny of a June 26 air-monitoring test at General Chemical Corp.’s hazardous-waste management facility in Framingham, Massachusetts, showed the level of air pollution did not exceed any health limits, giving the green light for a full-fledged cleanup starting in late July, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) officials said June 27. The full cleanup of the site is slated to start July 28 and last through August 15, said a DEP spokesman. The 4-hour pilot test made sure the upcoming cleanup, which includes the removal of General Chemical’s holding tanks, would not impact the air quality of the surrounding area, which includes many homes and an elementary school. Cleanup entails decontamination of every building and structure that came in contact with waste materials, state officials said. The company filed a notice of closure for the 2-acre facility March 1, after years of complaints from Framingham residents and officials.

Source: http://www.boston.com/yourtown/news/framingham/2012/06/full-fledged_general_chemical.html

7. *June 27, Reuters* – (Texas; National) **Saudi student in Texas convicted of terrorism, former president a target.** A U.S. federal jury in Texas convicted a Saudi Arabian citizen June 27 of attempting to use chemicals to build a weapon of mass destruction to attack several targets, including the Dallas home of a former U.S. President. The convict, who was a student at South Plains College near Lubbock, Texas, kept a journal that listed many targets. They included nuclear power plants, reservoir dams in Colorado and California, and hydroelectric stations. Evidence presented at his trial indicated he had been researching online how to construct an improvised explosive

device, using several chemicals as ingredients, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. He purchased ingredients and conducted online research on his potential targets, said an assistant U.S. attorney. His plans were thwarted early in 2011, when a chemical supplier who had been contacted by him told the FBI he was worried about an attempted purchase of a compound called concentrated phenol, an ingredient in explosives. The convict was a legal resident of the United States, in the country on a student visa. He faces up to life in prison when he is sentenced in October.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/06/27/us-usa-security-saudi-idUSBRE85Q1PG20120627>

8. *June 27, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Michigan) **EPA agreement with BASF Corp. on air pollution from Wyandotte Plant brings clean diesel project to Wayne County.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reached an agreement with BASF Corp. regarding alleged violations of the Clean Air Act at its Wyandotte, Michigan, chemical manufacturing facility. Under a consent agreement and final order, BASF has agreed to pay a \$788,048 penalty and spend at least \$250,000 on a supplemental environmental project to retrofit or replace municipal diesel engines in Wayne County with certified clean-diesel technologies. BASF will also improve leak detection and repair practices and has made changes to its processes to reduce volatile organic compounds and air toxics (hazardous air pollutants) from the facility.

Source: <http://www.environmental-expert.com/news/epa-agreement-with-basf-corp-on-air-pollution-from-wyandotte-plant-brings-clean-diesel-project-to-wayne-county-302091>

9. *June 26, New York Times* – (National) **DuPont says claims over herbicide hit the millions.** DuPont, which introduced a herbicide in 2011 later linked to the deaths of thousands of trees, has begun processing claims for compensation that are running into the hundreds of millions of dollars, company officials said. Some 30,000 homeowners, golf courses, municipalities, and landscapers across the country have submitted claims, DuPont's president for crop protection said, according to the New York Times, June 26. The formal deadline for submission was February 1, but a few are still trickling in and are being accepted, he added. DuPont has declined to estimate how many trees died from exposure to the herbicide, marketed under the name Imprelis, but tree experts said it was probably at least in the hundreds of thousands. Weeks after homeowners and lawn care professionals began applying the new product on lawns, golf courses, and cemeteries in spring 2011, many trees on those properties, primarily conifers, started turning brown and dying. By August, DuPont had pulled the chemical from the market, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency banned it shortly afterward. DuPont officials said they have set aside \$225 million for claims people have already submitted, and that the payout could eventually reach \$575 million. That does not include costs related to a class-action lawsuit filed by thousands of homeowners, landscapers, and others, consolidated in federal court in Philadelphia.

Source: http://www.nytimes.com/2012/06/27/us/dupont-says-claims-over-herbicide-hit-the-millions.html?_r=1

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

10. *June 27, Platts* – (Ohio) **Ohio reactor found to have violated security regulations: NRC.** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) took “escalated enforcement action” against the Perry nuclear plant in North Perry, Ohio, because of a security violation, the agency said in a letter made public June 27 to plant operator FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Co (FENOC). The NRC did not give any information on the nature of the violation, as the agency typically treats security issues as confidential. However, a FENOC spokeswoman said the violation was discovered in January, when “Perry site protection personnel self-identified a potential vulnerability that could have allowed unauthorized or undetected access to the Protected Area.” The greater-than-green finding has “at least low to moderate security significance” and “will require a supplemental NRC inspection,” the agency said. It added that issuing the notice to FENOC is considered “escalated enforcement action.”

Source:

<http://www.platts.com/RSSFeedDetailedNews/RSSFeed/ElectricPower/6424888>

11. *June 27, WOOD 8 Grand Rapids* – (Michigan) **NRC launches special Palisades inquiry.** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) launched a special investigation into the Palisades Nuclear Power Plant in Covert Township, Michigan, WOOD 8 Grand Rapids reported June 27. A special unit of the NRC began investigating Palisades in connection to how the plant handled a leak in the cooling tank. The tank holds 300,000 gallons of borated water used to cool the reactor during fuel replacements and flood the reactor cavity in the event of an emergency. The plant was taken offline June 12 to repair the leak. A senior NRC public affairs officer said the agency has concerns about safety at the plant.

Source: http://www.woodtv.com/dpp/news/local/sw_mich/nrc-launches-special-palisades-inquiry

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

12. *June 28, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Georgia) **U.S. Department of Labor’s OSHA cites Spruill Products in Atlanta for repeat, serious safety and health violations; proposes more than \$86,000 in fines.** The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) June 28 cited Spruill Products Inc. for 26 safety and health violations at the company’s Atlanta manufacturing facility. Five repeat violations involved failing to: ensure employees wear eye and face protection; create and implement specific “lockout/tagout” procedures for the energy sources of equipment before performing service and maintenance activities; provide training on lockout/tagout procedures to ensure that they are understood and can be safely applied by employees; and provide equipment guarding on band saws, presses, and press

brakes. Sixteen safety and health violations were also cited, as well as five other-than-serious violations. Proposed penalties total \$86,200.

Source:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=22611

13. *June 28, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **Exhaust fans sold at Lowe’s stores recalled due to fire hazard; Made by Delta Electronics Dongguan.** The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with Homewerks Worldwide and Delta Electronics (Dongguan), June 28 announced a voluntary recall of about 68,000 Harbor Breeze Bath Fans with Heater and Light. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed. The fan’s heater blades can fail to rotate properly, causing the fan to overheat and posing a fire hazard. The firm has received 11 reports of the fan overheating with smoking or flames within the fan housing, including three reports of minor property damage. The recall involves plastic Harbor Breeze bathroom fans with a center light and a heater. The fans were sold at Lowe’s stores nationwide and on Lowe’s Web site from September 2010 through March 2012.
Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml12/12212.html>
14. *June 27, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **Alltrade Tools recalls Kawasaki cordless drill due to burn hazard; Sold exclusively at Costco.** Alltrade Tools and Wuxi Xinju Electric Tools, in cooperation with the Consumer Product Safety Commission, June 27 recalled about 45,000 Kawasaki cordless drills. Consumers should stop using the product immediately unless otherwise instructed. The trigger switches can short and generate excessive heat posing a burn hazard. Alltrade Tools has received 33 reports of incidents, including one minor burn injury. The drills were sold at Costco stores nationwide from May 2011 through February.
Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml12/12740.html>
15. *June 27, Lynchburg News & Advance* – (Virginia) **DEQ fines Campbell County company.** The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) fined a Campbell County business \$18,900 for its handling of hazardous waste, the Lynchburg News & Advance reported June 27. The violations, discovered during a routine inspection by DEQ at Industrial Plating Corporation, largely dealt with storing too much hazardous waste and holding it for too long, according to a DEQ consent order filed June 15. A January inspection showed the company made deliveries of hazardous waste for treatment in 2008 and 2011 that exceeded the allowable weight for how much can be kept on site. Also, shipments in 2008, 2009, and 2011 were more than 500 days apart, the order said. State law allows a company that generates hazardous waste to keep it on site for up to 180 days. The inspection found some containers that were not labeled as hazardous waste. Industrial Plating also was not making weekly inspections of containers holding hazardous waste. The DEQ came back a week after the initial inspection in January and found all the issues resolved, according to a senior enforcement specialist for the agency.

Source: <http://www2.newsadvance.com/news/2012/jun/27/deq-fines-campbell-county-company-ar-2018932/>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

16. *June 28, Reuters* – (National; International) **United Technologies sent military copter tech to China.** United Technologies Corp and two of its subsidiaries sold China software enabling Chinese authorities to develop and produce their first modern military attack helicopter, U.S. authorities said June 28. At a federal court hearing in Bridgeport, Connecticut, United Technologies and its two subsidiaries, Pratt & Whitney Canada and Hamilton Sundstrand Corp, agreed to pay more than \$75 million to the U.S. government to settle criminal and administrative charges related to the sales. As part of the settlement, Pratt & Whitney Canada agreed to plead guilty to two federal criminal charges — violating a U.S. export control law and making false statements. The charges were in connection with the export to China of U.S.-origin military software used in Pratt & Whitney Canada engines, which was used to test and develop the new Z-10 helicopter. Also as part of the deal, United Technologies and Hamilton Sundstrand admitted to making false statements to the U.S. government about the illegal exports. Hamilton Sundstrand and Pratt & Whitney Canada also admitted they failed to make timely disclosures, required by regulations, to the U.S. State Department about the exports.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/06/28/us-usa-china-helicopters-idUSBRE85R1AG20120628>

17. *June 27, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* – (Pennsylvania) **Explosion rocks Connellsville; 2 injured.** In Connellsville, Pennsylvania, the morning of June 27, two employees of O.C. Lugo Co. Inc. were mixing red phosphorus and Fiberglas powder in a quart-sized container in their lab when the mixture exploded, according to the city police chief. Both were hospitalized. The police chief said mixing red phosphorus and Fiberglas powder is a routine step in mixing four chemicals together to make chemical igniters for oxygen generators, used in U.S. Navy submarines. O.C. Lugo was awarded a contract with the Navy to make chlorate candles and oxygen candle igniters used in oxygen generators, said a news release from the Department of Defense. Although the explosion was violent enough to blow out some windows of the small white building, the resulting fire was small and contained, the police chief said. There was no structural damage to the building, said the chief of the city fire department. Firefighters immediately wheeled out of the building a cart where the chemicals were being mixed, he said. He said the smoke given off by the fire was non-toxic but could irritate the lungs, throat, and eyes of a person if it were inhaled. Police evacuated a few homes in a 1-block radius, the police chief said.

Source: <http://triblive.com/news/2107884-74/explosion-connellsville-building-police-lugo-capitos-company-mixing-chemical-chief>

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Banking and Finance Sector

18. *June 27, Reuters* – (International) **U.S. bars business with four in Hezbollah laundering link.** The U.S. Treasury Department June 27 banned Americans from doing business with three Lebanese-Venezuelans and a Lebanese man it accused of helping to launder drug money to the benefit of the Lebanon-based Hezbollah militant group. It also designated one Colombian-Lebanese man as a global terrorist for his involvement with Hezbollah fund-raising. The action freezes any assets the man may have in the United States and also bars Americans from doing business with him. The Treasury Department said that the group of men involved with money laundering were linked to a Lebanese drug kingpin who was indicted in December 2011 by a U.S. federal grand jury in Virginia on charges of aiding Mexican drug cartels.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/06/27/us-usa-lebanon-drugs-idUSBRE85Q1N120120627>

19. *June 27, Associated Press* – (National) **SEC files fraud charges against hedge fund manager.** Federal regulators are suing a hedge fund manager and his firm, Harbinger Capital Partners, accusing him of civil fraud for using fund money to pay his taxes and favoring some fund customers at the expense of others, the Associated Press reported June 27. The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) also said the manager manipulated bond prices. The SEC is seeking to ban him from serving as an officer or director of any public company, along with unspecified penalties and restitution. The agency said that from 2006 through early 2008, the manager manipulated the market for high-yield, high-risk bonds issued by a company named Maax Holdings Inc. Using two of Harbinger's funds, he bought up large amounts of the bonds to shrink the supply on the market and drive up prices, the suit alleges. The SEC also said the manager and Harbinger secretly gave "certain strategically important investors" in the fund the right to cash out of their holdings. In exchange, the favored investors gave him and the fund permission to bar the other investors from being able to cash out, according to the SEC.
Source:
<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5jZNJoZ70HzGBo6aP5SQ3STsU3PNA?docId=cc07afa8f5634adfacb514eb03148473>

20. *June 27, Associated Press* – (National) **Ponzi scheme leader's brother to admit guilt in multibillion-dollar fraud.** The brother of the leader of a massive Ponzi scheme will plead guilty June 29 to conspiracy and falsifying records, admitting his role in the multibillion-dollar fraud that destroyed the savings of thousands of investors, prosecutors told a judge June 27. The former chief compliance officer at the private investment arm of the Ponzi leader's business agreed to serve a decade in prison, they said. He also agreed to the criminal forfeiture of \$143 billion, including all of his real estate and personal property. The \$143 billion, representing the amount of money believed to have flowed through the business accounts when he was part of the multi-decade Ponzi scheme, was included in a criminal forfeiture agreement. Court papers signed by a federal judge in New York showed the man, who had worked with his brother since 1965, will plead guilty to two criminal counts, admitting his role in a conspiracy to commit securities fraud, falsify records of an investment adviser, falsify records of a broker dealer, make false filings with the Securities and Exchange

Commission, commit mail fraud, and obstruct the Internal Revenue Service.
Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/money/industries/brokerage/story/2012-06-27/madoff-brother-to-plead-guilty/55868496/1>

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Transportation Sector

21. *June 28, WNBC 4 New York* – (New Jersey) **8 TSA workers fired after caught sleeping, not following procedure.** Eight screeners at Newark Liberty International Airport in Newark, New Jersey, were fired June 27 after they were caught on video sleeping on the job or failing to follow standard operating procedures for screening checked bags, authorities said. The workers were all transportation security officers who worked in a bag room at Terminal B, the Transportation Security Administration said. They will not be allowed to work again for the agency. The firings are part of an investigation into security operations at Newark following a series of security breaches there in early 2011. The airport’s federal security director was replaced in April 2011. Source: <http://overheadbin.msnbc.msn.com/news/2012/06/28/12456682-8-tsa-workers-fired-after-caught-sleeping-not-following-procedure?lite>

22. *June 28, Associated Press* – (New Jersey) **Feds: NJ ship search turns up no stowaways.** An extensive cargo ship search triggered by a knocking sound ended June 28 at Port Newark, New Jersey, without authorities finding any stowaways. Federal authorities used X-ray machines, K-9 units, and officers to search more than 160 of the 2,000 containers aboard the 850-foot Ville D’Aquarius at one of the Nation’s busiest ports. When the vessel arrived from the Mideast early June 27, it was met by law enforcement officials and more than a dozen ambulances. Large mechanical cranes began unloading containers from the ship. The source of the noise remained a mystery. “After a lengthy and exhaustive inspection by Department of Homeland Security officials, the search for stowaways aboard the Ville D’Aquarius has concluded with no stowaways found,” DHS said in a statement June 27 following a search that lasted through the night. A Coast Guard spokesman said it took about 8 minutes to check each container — unloading it off the ship, opening it up, and X-raying it if necessary. The manifest of the suspected container said it was carrying machine parts to Norfolk, Virginia, and was loaded in India, the spokesman said. The FBI’s top official in New Jersey said the response was appropriate given the port’s vulnerability. The area is considered a prime potential target for terrorists. Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/2012-06-28/stowaways-possible-in-container-ship-docked-in-nj>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

23. *June 28, WPLG 10 Miami* – (Florida) **UPS truck crashes into Biscayne Bay.** A UPS truck crashed into Biscayne Bay, Florida, June 27. The truck hit a tree, continued for about 1,000 feet until it crashed into a safety rail, and flew into the water. The driver crawled out of the truck and made it to shore through the shallow water. It is unclear what caused the truck to crash. Divers went into the water to try to salvage packages in the truck. A UPS spokeswoman said the truck was based out of Hialeah, and the company was working to determine what customers or shippers were affected. The company said it plans to contact the senders to determine whether they still want their soggy deliveries or if they want the contents replaced.

Source: http://www.local10.com/news/UPS-truck-crashes-into-Biscayne-Bay/-/1717324/15318498/-/u4uaxz/-/index.html?hpt=us_bn8

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Agriculture and Food Sector

24. *June 28, Reuters* – (International) **China dairy recalls hundreds of cartons of tainted milk.** A Chinese dairy company recalled hundreds of cartons of milk after a mechanical error tainted the batch with alkaline water, Reuters reported June 28. The recall comes just weeks after China's top-selling dairy firm, Inner Mongolia Yili Industrial Group Co, pulled 6 months' worth of infant formula from shelves due to mercury contamination. In the latest incident, the Bright Dairy & Food Co., called Guangming in Chinese, posted a recall notice on its Web site after customers complained online of bad smelling and discolored liquid in the company's 950-milliliter cartons of Ubest milk, state media reported June 28. A seconds-long mechanical delay during routine maintenance at one of its Shanghai factories caused a "small amount" of alkaline cleaning solution to be flushed into 300 cartons of milk produced June 25, the company's notice said.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/06/28/china-milk-idUSL3E8HS0V020120628>

25. *June 28, Columbus Dispatch* – (Ohio) **Emerald ash borer found in Madison County.** Emerald ash borers were discovered in four additional counties in central Ohio, including Madison County, State agriculture officials reported June 27. Besides Madison, the tree-killing beetles were found infesting ash trees in Belmont, Crawford, and Knox counties. Borers have now been detected in 63 of Ohio's 88 counties, said an Ohio Department of Agriculture spokesman.

Source: <http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2012/06/28/beetles-found-in-madison-county.html>

26. *June 28, Princeton Union-Eagle* – (Minnesota) **Arrests made in ammonia theft.** A four-time drug offender was one of two people behind bars June 26 after an alleged theft of anhydrous ammonia from the Federated Co-op plant a few miles north of Princeton, Minnesota. A man and a woman were being held in jail on felony charges of stealing anhydrous ammonia, transporting it in an unlawful container, and tampering

with equipment or a facility. Deputies with the Mille Lacs County Sheriff's Department were tipped off to the theft by a Federated employee who saw the suspect's car parked near an anhydrous ammonia tank. The employee saw an individual place a propane tank with a hose into the trunk of the vehicle. The employee was able to get a license plate number off the vehicle.

Source: <http://unioneagle.com/2012/06/arrests-made-in-ammonia-theft/>

27. *June 26, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (California) **Banner Mountain Sprouts voluntarily recalls organic sprouts because of possible health risks.** Banner Mountain Sprouts voluntarily recalled organic sprouts because they may be contaminated with salmonella, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported June 26. Routine testing showed signs of salmonella, and Banner Mountain Sprouts was notified of possible contamination. The sprouts were distributed through retail stores and wholesalers in California.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm309904.htm>

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Water Sector

28. *June 28, Boston Globe* – (National) **High toxic level found in some N.E. wells.** A study released the week of June 25 by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), found potentially harmful levels of naturally occurring arsenic, uranium, radon, and other contaminants in water supplying wells across the New England region of the United States. Scientists examined water-quality data from 4,800 public-supply wells sampled by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) between 1997 and 2007, as well as 117 private wells sampled by USGS from 1995-2007. The samples included only well water from crystalline rock aquifers found in most of New England and small portions of northern New Jersey and southern New York State. The study reported arsenic nearly double the national rate for public drinking water at 13 percent of 2,000 sites tested. Manganese exceeded standards in more than 7 percent, and radon exceeded EPA proposed standards in 33 percent of the wells. They found uranium to be a significant predictor of the presence of other forms of radioactivity that can cause health problems. The health consequences of ingesting water with elevated levels of arsenic, uranium, and other contaminants depends on the concentrations and how long someone drinks the tainted water. Potential issues include various types of cancer, reproductive and developmental problems, kidney and blood diseases, diabetes, and a weakened immune system. In addition to natural sources of contamination, human activities have affected the quality of the groundwater from crystalline rock aquifers.

Source:

http://www.boston.com/news/science/articles/2012/06/28/federal_study_finds_arsenic_and_other_contaminants_pervade_new_englands_groundwater/?page=1

29. *June 28, Sarasota Herald Tribune* – (Florida) **Sewage overflows into Sarasota Bay.** An estimated 20,000 gallons of a mixture of untreated sewage and rain water

flowed into Sarasota Bay June 26 after the Sarasota County, Florida sewage system became overloaded. Rain from Tropical Storm Debby mixed with sewage and caused environmental and health hazards in two waterfront neighborhoods. Crews used a pumper truck to divert the flow and disinfected streets and curbs. On Siesta Key, county crews trucked wastewater from the island's sewage treatment facility and 13 sewer lift stations that were at risk of flooding. Power was out to two of the lift stations, which then had to be shifted to generators. The county warned June 25 that all of four of its wastewater treatment plants were being overloaded, and officials urged residents to restrict water use to compensate.

Source:

<http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20120626/ARTICLE/120629679?p=1&tc=pg>

30. *June 28, Tacoma Tri-City Herald* – (Washington) **Franklin County agrees to landfill cleanup plan.** Franklin County, Washington commissioners agreed June 27 to a new cleanup plan for the Pasco Sanitary Landfill, as proposed by the State Department of Ecology. The agreement requires the county, as one of 32 potentially liable businesses and government agencies, to do a feasibility study to determine the type, amount, and spread of contamination in soil and groundwater at the 250-acre site. Ecology will develop a long-term cleanup plan based on the results. The Pasco landfill was operated as a burning dump until 1971, when it was converted into a sanitary landfill. The landfill was designed to accept industrial wastes, in drummed and liquid forms. The agreement notes the dump site ended up with about 5,000 drums of chlorinated herbicide manufacturing waste. About 3 million gallons of liquid waste were in evaporation lagoons, as well as 11,000 tons of chlor-alkali sludge and carbon electrode wastes. The site has been listed on the Environmental Protection Agency's Superfund priority list for 32 years and is considered a potential threat to groundwater. Interim remedial activities have occurred at the site since 2002. The hazardous waste found at the site includes industrial and solid wastes, bulk liquids, septic tank waste, sewage sludges, animal fats, metallic wastes, and drummed materials.

Source: <http://www.thenewtribune.com/2012/06/28/2197178/franklin-county-agrees-to-landfill.html>

31. *June 28, WDAF 4 Kansas City* – (Missouri) **Gushing water main break allowed to keep flowing.** A water main break caused a portion of road to sink near I-35 and Antioch in Kansas City, Missouri, June 28. An estimated 26,000 gallons of water per minute was gushing out of the pipe. Officials with public works said water would typically be turned off, but there are several hotels in the area that would have been affected. Crews pushed back the initial planned shutoff time by 3 hours to give hotels the opportunity to notify guests. Because of the unstable ground and amount of water, NE 43rd Street was down to one lane. Public works expected the water to be turned back on by early evening, provided that there were no other utilities affected by the break.

Source: <http://fox4kc.com/2012/06/28/gushing-water-main-break-allowed-to-keep-flowing/>

32. *June 27, KSFY 13 Sioux Falls* – (Oregon) **Repairs hit snags, Salem water shortage continues.** Salem, Oregon's water shortage continued June 27 as crews replaced a part

in the water treatment plant but then another part broke. The concern was the city's water tower supply was dangerously low while crews worked to repair the water treatment plant. Citizens were asked to conserve their water usage despite official reports the water treatment plant could be repaired by June 27.

Source: <http://www.ksfy.com/story/18896004/repair-snags-keep-city-of-salems-water-in-short-supply>

33. *June 27, Longview News-Journal* – (Texas) **Kilgore penalized for industrial wastewater.** The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality gave Kilgore, Texas, 315 days to put a waste-water review process in place to ensure industrial companies clean what they flush into the sewage treatment plant June 26. The environmental mandate came with a \$3,980 fine for failing to ensure industrial plants remove oil and grease before bringing it to the wastewater treatment plant that discharges into Rabbit Creek. The utilities director told city council members the State agency first told Kilgore to enact such a program in 2003 but withdrew the requirement 3 years later. Regulators renewed the requirement on Kilgore after an environmental audit in 2011, he added. The council agreed to pay the fine, and the utilities director said they would return with recommendations on how to implement an oversight system.

Source: http://www.news-journal.com/news/local/kilgore-penalized-for-industrial-wastewater/article_f123b653-74eb-580f-b70d-139638dad6f0.html

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

34. *June 28, WINK 11 Fort Myers* – (Florida) **DEA agents raid local pharmacy in statewide investigation.** A Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) pain clinic raid across Florida June 26 landed 14 people in jail. Federal officials deemed the 2 year investigation "Operation Pill Street Blues." Among those cuffed were the owners of Sunset Pharmacy in Fort Myers. Boxes of prescription drugs and logs were seized by DEA agents, but this raid was part of a much bigger bust spanning from Jacksonville to Miami. In all, seven doctors and seven clinic owners were arrested; the seven doctors charged are responsible for dispensing over 2 million Oxycodone tablets. DEA officials said the investigation began in 2010 after reports of a suspicious pain management clinic in Vero Beach. DEA officials said Sunset Pharmacy was responsible for dispensing millions of pills, including Oxycodone, Percocet, Xanax, and Valium, and that doctors were recruited to prescribe these drugs to doctor shoppers, many of whom had patients who were addicts and abused their prescriptions.

Source: <http://www.winknews.com/Local-Florida/2012-06-28/DEA-agents-raid-local-pharmacy-in-statewide-investigation>

35. *June 28, WSOC 9 Charlotte* – (North Carolina) **NC hospital steps up security after two women attacked.** Officials at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte, North Carolina, said they stepped up security after two female employees were attacked June 27. WSOC 9 Charlotte reported both attacks occurred in parking areas and police are still looking for the suspect or suspects. The first reported incident involved an employee who was stabbed three times on the way to her car in the morning. A different

employee was pushed down a stairwell later in the evening, WSOC reported. Police said they do not know if the incidences are connected.

Source: <http://myfox8.com/2012/06/28/nc-hospital-steps-up-security-after-two-women-attacked/>

36. *June 28, South Florida Business Journal* – (Florida) **Guilty plea in \$63 million Medicare fraud.** A Miami-area resident pleaded guilty June 27 in U.S. District Court in Miami for her role in a health care fraud scheme that resulted in the submission of more than \$63 million in fraudulent claims to Medicare and Medicaid, announced the Department of Justice, the FBI, and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). She pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud. She admitted to participating in a fraud scheme orchestrated by the owner and operators of Health Care Solutions Network (HCSN), which operated purported partial hospitalization programs (PHPs), a form of intensive mental health treatment for severe mental illness. According to an indictment unsealed May 2, HCSN paid kickbacks to owners and operators of assisted living facilities in exchange for referring Medicare beneficiaries to HCSN for PHP treatment that was unnecessary and, in many instances, not provided. According to court documents, she admitted she falsified records at the direction of others so that HCSN could bill Medicare for patients who did not receive the services from HCSN, and she knew that the falsification of these records was part of a plan for HCSN to commit health care fraud. Nine other charged defendants, including the owner and operators of HCSN, await trial.

Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/southflorida/news/2012/06/28/guilty-plea-in-63-million-medicare.html?page=all>

37. *June 28, ABC News* – (Georgia) **Emails reveal security lapses at CDC bioterror laboratory.** Internal e-mails revealed repeated, potentially dangerous security lapses at one of the nation's top bio-terror labs that houses deadly biological agents such as anthrax and the SARS virus, ABC News reported June 28. The e-mails from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) describe multiple instances between 2009 and 2010 of doors within a supposedly secure facility in Atlanta being left unlocked, potentially allowing unauthorized access to the deadly strains. In at least one instance, someone without the proper security clearance was found in a restricted area. One official said that while walking through a high-security area, he found two doors unlocked and said, "it has become a common failure point," the e-mails said. CDC officials told ABC News the public was never at risk and the agency has addressed the concerns at the Atlanta lab. A CDC spokesperson told USA Today the doors were just one layer of security at the labs and it would still be "close to impossible" for intruders to get their hands on the dangerous microbes. Earlier in June, USA Today reported the same facility was having difficulties with its air flow system, which is designed to keep potentially dangerous air from escaping into "clean" areas. Following the air flow problem reports, Congressional leaders in the House Energy and Commerce Committee launched an investigation into the safety measures at the \$214 million facility.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/Blotter/emails-reveal-security-lapses-cdc-bioterror-laboratory/story?id=16668649#.T-x8vZFgq-Y>

38. *June 28, Food Safety News* – (National) **FDA clears faster blood test for the market.** Listeria, MRSA, Streptococcus, and Enterococcus can all be identified quicker by the Verigene GP Blood Culture Nuclear Acid Test (BC-GP), which got marketing approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Food Safety News reported June 28. The Verigene test is manufactured by Northbrook, Illinois-based Nanosphere. FDA’s decision was based on the study of 1,642 patient blood samples obtained from incubated blood culture bottles that contained gram-positive bacteria. The study included a comparison of BC-GP and traditional blood culture laboratory methods. The quicker Verigene test was consistent with traditional blood culture methods 93 percent of the time. FDA said BC-GP testing would make it possible to identify potentially serious illness-causing bacteria just hours after a positive blood culture. It is the first nuclear acid test that can identify 12 different bacteria types known to cause bloodstream infections. Traditional tests require 2-4 days to produce bacterial identification and resistance results. The new tests takes just a few hours. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/06/fda-clears-faster-blood-test-for-the-market/>
39. *June 27, WJZ 13 Baltimore* – (Maryland) **Police charge 17-year-old with arson for Anne Arundel County Medical Center fire.** An Annapolis boy has been arrested and charged with arson in connection with a June 23 fire at the Anne Arundel Medical Center Health Sciences Building in Annapolis, Maryland, WJZ 13 Baltimore reported June 27. Anne Arundel County firefighters responded to a fire alarm at the building and found a small fire in an elevator. Investigation revealed the fire was intentionally set. Police distributed surveillance pictures of the person of interest and arrested the juvenile after interviewing him. He has been charged with first-degree arson, second-degree malicious burning, malicious destruction of property, and reckless endangerment. Source: <http://baltimore.cbslocal.com/2012/06/27/police-charge-17-year-old-with-arson-for-anne-arundel-county-medical-center-fire/>

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Government Facilities Sector

40. *June 28, Associated Press* – (Indiana) **107 attending Notre Dame camps become ill.** Health officials are trying to determine what caused more than 100 youths taking part in sports camp at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana to become ill, the Associated Press reported June 28. A Notre Dame spokesman said all but two of the approximately 30 youths taken to hospitals were released after treatment June 27. He said those two were expected to be held overnight and the illnesses were gastrointestinal. A St. Joseph County health officer said testing is underway to determine whether the illnesses were caused by a norovirus. The participants were middle and high school students attending camps for football, hockey, basketball, lacrosse, and tennis.

Source:

<http://www.journalgazette.net/article/20120628/NEWS07/120629553/1005/NEWS10>

41. *June 27, Easton Express-Times* – (Pennsylvania) **Northampton County examining safety protocols following bomb threat.** County officials are reviewing whether the June 21 bomb scare in which the Northampton County, Pennsylvania Courthouse was reopened before it was fully checked for explosives could have been better handled. Hundreds of employees and others waited outside in mid-90s temperatures for about 45 minutes after an anonymous caller told an operator there was a bomb in the building’s mail room. After some misdirection between court staff and deputies, the building was reopened with the second and third floors off-limits because they had not been cleared. Officials gave conflicting accounts on whether a bomb unit with the Pennsylvania State Police cleared the first floor, but a suspicious briefcase had to be removed from Courtroom 1 after a judge brought his court back into session, said a court administrator. It was determined not to be dangerous. The county executive said June 26 he ultimately made the call to allow people back into the building. He said the sheriff’s department assured him it was safe to re-enter, and he did not want to expose people to the extreme heat any longer. He acknowledged communications could have been handled better.

Source: http://www.lehighvalleylive.com/northampton-county/index.ssf/2012/06/northampton_county_examining_s.html

42. *June 26, Fairfax News* – (Virginia) **Police charge two in Chantilly pellet gun incident.** Following a week-long investigation, Fairfax County, Virginia police have charged two teenagers in connection with the pellet gun shooting June 15 at Rocky Run Middle School, Fairfax News reported June 26. Both Fairfax County area teens were transported to the Fairfax County Juvenile Detention Center where they await hearings. One teen was charged with two counts of malicious wounding and shooting into an occupied building. The other teen was charged with one count of malicious wounding and shooting into an occupied building. The incident occurred when police received a report of two students were injured after they were struck by shots from a pellet gun on school grounds.

Source: <http://fairfaxnews.com/2012/06/police-charge-two-in-chantilly-pellet-gun-incident/>

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Emergency Services Sector

43. *June 28, Ft. Lauderdale Sun Sentinel* – (Florida) **Fla. firefighters arrested in pain clinic crackdown.** Two Pompano Beach, Florida firefighters were arrested June 27 along with 10 other Floridians on drug-trafficking and racketeering charges as part of “Operation Pill Street Blues” — a multi-agency crackdown on a statewide network of illegal pain clinics, according to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). Federal authorities alleged the firefighters were among a group of partners who made millions

of dollars from pill mills. One of the firefighters was accused by authorities of being “the brains of the operation,” which allegedly thrived from having corrupt doctors dispense millions of pills without medical justification to patients, many of whom were drug addicts. Both firefighters were 11-year employees with spotless records at Pompano Beach Fire Rescue, and were suspended without pay after their arrests June 27, a fire-rescue spokeswoman said.

Source: <http://www.emsworld.com/news/10735586/fla-firefighters-arrested-in-pain-clinic-crackdown>

44. *June 28, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* – (Pennsylvania) **Fire officials fret over inefficient radio communications network.** The chief of the North Fayette, Pennsylvania volunteer fire department is among firefighters in several Allegheny County suburbs frustrated by the sometimes garbled, broken, or dropped signals on the radio frequencies they use to communicate with each other and the county’s emergency dispatchers, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reported June 28. Signal problems occur for emergency medical service and police units, too — anyone equipped with a mobile radio. But the problem is paramount for fire crews; with so many volunteer fire companies in Allegheny County, it is hard to tell where chiefs and firefighters may be at any time. Some fire chiefs are getting so fed up they place calls on their cell phones or send text messages instead of relying on their radios.

Source: <http://www.post-gazette.com/stories/local/neighborhoods-south/fire-officials-fret-over-inefficient-radio-communications-network-642249/?p=0>

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Information Technology Sector

45. *June 28, Softpedia* – (International) **Citadel trojan upgraded to prevent virtual machine analysis.** S21sec experts detected two major improvements implemented by malware authors for the Citadel trojan. Its encryption algorithm is changed, but it was also fitted with a mechanism that detects if it is executed inside a virtual machine or a sandbox. The enhancements were already seen in the wild, but they were also advertised on a Russian underground forum. The anti-emulator function is described as being able to protect the botnet against those who might want to perform reverse engineering on them. When the malware is executed, it checks to see if it is run inside applications such as CWSandbox, VMware, or Virtualbox. If it detects their presence, it does not remove itself and it does not stop from working. Instead, it begins to operate in a surreptitious manner. The trojan creates a fake domain name and attempts to connect to it. This strategy should fool the researchers into believing that the command and control (C&C) server cannot be reached and that the bot is dead. By closing all the processes related to VMware, such as vmwareuser.exe and vmwaretray.exe, experts forced the malware to begin working normally and to connect to the real C&C server.
- Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Citadel-Trojan-Upgraded-to-Prevent-Virtual-Machine-Analysis-278073.shtml>

46. *June 27, H Security* – (International) **RSA says that its tokens are secure.** After a significantly improved attack on cryptographic hardware was recently reported, an RSA official said the affected SecurID 800 token is secure. The token was not cracked, and the attack is not useful, he explained, adding the attack does not allow private RSA keys to be extracted from the token. The attack does not affect tokens for creating one-time passwords. It affects multi-purpose devices with USB connections that, like smartcards, offer key and certificate storage and are capable of encrypting/decrypting data. RSA emphasized the described attack is not a new one; it is based on a well-known problem and only greatly accelerates previously existing attacks. Even the researchers themselves state the private RSA key on a token used to encrypt a message cannot be compromised using this attack.
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/RSA-says-that-its-tokens-are-secure-1627326.html>
47. *June 27, Infosecurity* – (International) **New Zitmo variant has improved functionality, better disguise.** A new variant of the Zitmo malware, a mobile version of Zeus, was spotted with improved functionality and a better disguise, according to security firm Damballa. The Zitmo (Zeus in the mobile) malware has been infecting smartphones for several years. It began by infecting smartphones with the Symbian operating system, then switched to Android in 2011 when Symbian lost favor with consumers. Zitmo is used by cybercriminals in tandem with the traditional Zeus keylogging malware on PCs to steal the victim's banking credentials and ultimately the victim's money. Zitmo is used to intercept two-factor authentication that banks use to validate the identity of the account holder when logging in. This new variant improves Zitmo's injection vectors, social engineering techniques, money mule methods, and infrastructure protection. The group behind the variant is the FourStreetAvengers (aka ZiMo_GroupA), Damballa explained.
Source: <http://www.infosecurity-magazine.com/view/26606/>
48. *June 27, Threatpost* – (International) **New crimeware bot Zemra behind DDoS attacks.** Zemra, a new crimeware bot that shares traits with the banking trojans Zeus and SpyEye, has been making the rounds lately, according to a recent post on Symantec's Security Response blog. In the post, a Symantec researcher claims Zemra has been seen executing distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attacks against organizations and aiming to extort funds as of late. Like Zeus and SpyEye before it, Zemra's Web-based command and control panel is hosted on a remote server, allowing it to distribute commands to vulnerable computers. The bot is also capable of dynamically updating itself, monitoring devices, downloading and executing binary files, and spreading through USB devices, among other functions, Symantec said.
Source: http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/new-crimeware-bot-zemra-behind-ddos-attacks-062712
49. *June 27, ZDNet* – (International) **BlackHole exploit kit experimenting with 'pseudo-random domains' feature.** According to security researchers from Symantec, the author of the market leading BlackHole Web malware exploitation kit is experimenting with a new feature offered as a trial to selected customers of his kit. Based on their analysis, the kit's author is experimenting with a pseudo-random client-side exploits

serving domain feature. The security researchers were able to decode the algorithm and are currently able to anticipate the exact domains to be registered at a future date, and consequently block access to them.

Source: <http://www.zdnet.com/blog/security/blackhole-exploit-kit-experimenting-with-pseudo-random-domains-feature/12593>

50. *June 26, Dark Reading* – (International) **New forensics method may nab insider thieves.** One of the biggest challenges of forensics investigations into insider theft is that the markers computer forensics investigators use to detect most attacks are typically not present in insider cases where an employee or other authorized user has legitimate access to sensitive data. In July at Black Hat USA in Las Vegas, a presenter will introduce a new methodology that compares normal file access patterns against patterns present when files are copied to detect when insiders copy data inappropriately. Typically, said the presenter, most forensics investigations today depend upon what are called artifacts, which are essentially the markers left on a machine that leave an evidence trail. At its root, the idea behind his method is to compare the relatively random and chaotic time-of-access file usage statistics of a typical user's machine to the orderly patterns in time-of-access made by a machine when a user makes a wholesale copy of many files at once.

Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/insider-threat/167801100/security/news/240002768/>

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Communications Sector

51. *June 28, Associated Press* – (National) **Comcast agrees to pay \$800K in settlement with FCC.** Comcast Corp. has reached a settlement with federal regulators under which it will pay the government \$800,000 and offer a broadband Internet access option to customers who do not subscribe to the cable company's video cable services. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) said June 27 that Comcast agreed to take those and other steps as part of a consent decree to settle an investigation by the agency into the company's compliance with conditions of its NBCUniversal acquisition, which was completed in January 2011. Comcast, the nation's largest cable TV company, bought a controlling interest in NBCUniversal after the FCC and the Justice Department approved the deal with conditions following a year-long review. One of the conditions called on Comcast to offer stand-alone broadband Internet access services at reasonable prices and with sufficient bandwidth to customers who don't pay

to get Comcast's cable TV service. The agency launched an investigation after it received information suggesting that Comcast was not adequately marketing the service.

Source: <http://www.boston.com/business/technology/2012/06/27/comcast-agrees-pay-settlement-with-fcc/mtuIwk8m9nYp8T4YpnxH3K/story.html>

52. *June 27, CNET* – (International) **Latest hacker dump looks like Comcast, AT&T data.** A group of hackers posted to the Web June 27 data that appears to include Comcast employee names, ages and salaries, as well as e-mails and passwords associated with AT&T VoIP service accounts. Proclaiming the kickoff of “#WikiBoatWednesday ... when all the members from @TheWikiBoat fight corruption, leak data, and bring down websites,” the hackers released the data in two different posts to the Pastebin Web site. One of the Twitter handles used by the group is @AnonymousWiki but the connection to the larger, decentralized collective known as “Anonymous” is unclear. As with many data dumps, it is unclear whether the data is what the hackers claim it is, whether it is current, who actually stole it, and how.
- Source: http://news.cnet.com/8301-1009_3-57462403-83/latest-hacker-dump-looks-like-comcast-at-t-data/

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Commercial Facilities Sector

53. *June 28, Sarasota Herald Tribune* – (Florida) **Bomb threat clears Charlotte mall Wednesday.** A Port Charlotte, Florida man caused the Town Center Mall in Charlotte County, Florida, to be evacuated June 27 because he claimed on his Facebook page that a bomb had been planted there, sheriff's detectives said. He faces a bomb threat charge. An out-of-state caller told the sheriff's office the suspect had posted a Facebook message claiming “there's a bomb in the mall.” Mall security evacuated the shopping complex while public safety officials checked it for hidden explosives.
- Source: <http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20120628/BREAKING/120629603?tc=ar>
54. *June 27, Associated Press* – (New York) **Crane breaks windows of World Trade Center tower.** The plaza at the September 11 memorial in New York City was evacuated June 27 after a crane broke some windows in one of the new World Trade Center skyscrapers. About 60 firefighters were at the scene. The Fire Department, City of New York (FDNY) said the crane's weight apparently shifted as the beam was being lifted to 4 World Trade Center. It hit windows on the 45th and 46th floors. Glass and other debris were being cleared. The memorial spokesman said the plaza was evacuated. Memorial staffers were waiting for the go-ahead from the FDNY before reopening the site. The 72-story skyscraper is expected to be the first to open at the site since the twin towers were destroyed in 2001.
- Source: http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/nationworld/2018541449_apusworldtradecenterconstructionmishap.html

55. *June 27, Rockdale Citizen* – (Georgia) **Two Walmart stores evacuated for bomb scare.** Walmart stores in Covington and Newton County, Georgia, were evacuated June 27 after the 9-1-1 Dispatch Center received a call stating there was a bomb “in the Covington Walmart and you have an hour to find it,” according to a Newton County Sheriff’s Office spokesman. Police said it was unclear to which store the caller was referring, so both stores were evacuated. Police were at the stores with bomb-sniffing canines. No device was found at either store.
Source: <http://www.rockdalecitizen.com/news/2012/jun/27/two-walmart-stores-evacuated-for-bomb-scare/>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

56. *June 28, CNN* – (Colorado) **Calmer winds may aid Colorado firefighters in epic battle.** Calming winds could help Colorado firefighters gain ground June 28 on a wildfire that has burned more than 18,000 acres and chased 36,000 people from their homes near Colorado Springs. However, the Waldo Canyon Fire is only 5 percent contained, and it could be mid-July before it is fully under control, according to the U.S. Forest Service. Still June 28 brought some respite to crews stymied by erratic winds. The incident commander said he expected a much larger percentage of the fire contained by the end of June 28. Officials said they had not completed an inventory of homes and other structures lost or damaged by the fire. The U.S. President will travel to the Colorado Springs area June 29 to survey the damage and thank responders, the White House said. The Denver office of the FBI joined local authorities in investigating reports that the fire may have been set. The fire captured attention because of its proximity to landmarks such as Pikes Peak, the Air Force Academy, and Colorado Springs, a city of about 400,000, the State’s second largest. The Flying W Ranch, a Western-style tourist attraction in Colorado Springs, burned to the ground. Colorado wildfires had consumed 181,426 acres by June 27, according to the Colorado Division of Emergency Management. The largest of the fires was the High Park Fire, which began June 9 and has now consumed 87,284 acres, the U.S. Forest Service said. It was 75 percent contained June 27. The total number of homes burned stood at 257. An estimated \$33.5 million has been spent trying to contain the fire.
Source: http://www.cnn.com/2012/06/28/us/western-wildfires/index.html?hpt=hp_t1

57. *June 28, Northern Virginia Daily* – (Virginia) **Fire continues to spread; partly contained.** A crew of 101 was battling a fire on Massanutten Mountain between Veach Gap and Sherman Gap in Virginia, the Northern Virginia Daily reported June 28. The fire was up to approximately 181 acres and was 5 percent contained, according to a news release from a U.S. Forest Service public information officer. She said June 26 accessibility and a lack of water were hampering firefighters’ efforts. She said they had to hike in 3 miles just to reach the fire from the Fort Valley side of the mountain, while the Warren County side was a cliff. According to the June 27 release, a helicopter was dropping water to slow down the fire’s growth and bolster containment at the north of

the fire. The fire was restricted to national forest land only. She said the Forest Service hoped to have a second helicopter and a third bulldozer fighting the fire June 28. The fire resulted in the closure of Massanutten National Recreational Trail from Shawl Gap to Veach Gap, Tuscarora Trail from Shawl Gap to Panhandle Road (Va. 613), Sherman Gap Trail, and Veach Gap Trail.

Source: <http://www.nvdaily.com/news/2012/06/fire-continues-to-spread-zero-containment.php>

58. *June 27, KTVX 4 Salt Lake City* – (Utah) **Fairview evacuated as Wood Hollow Fire erupts; 1 dead.** The entire town of Fairview, Utah, was evacuated as the Wood Hollow Fire moved closer June 27. Flames began shooting more than 50 feet into the air as plumes of smoke began rising as the fire picked up. Residents of the city were evacuated to the Mt. Pleasant shelter. Officials originally shut down U.S. 89 near Indianola June 27 and later extended the closure farther south to Mt. Pleasant. The fire grew and spread into Utah County June 27. Officials ordered the evacuation of Birdseye, a small Utah County farming community north of Fairview. The fire claimed one life June 27, and two firefighters have suffered minor injuries since the wildfire started. The fire has consumed more than 46,000 acres since June 23 and has destroyed at least 56 homes. There are 393 firefighters on the ground battling the fire with 8 tankers and 6 helicopters assisting the fight.

Source: http://www.abc4.com/content/news/top_stories/story/Fairview-evacuated-as-Wood-Hollow-Fire-erupts-1/xa0XRRglrkOsXJPzX5tQuw.csp?hpt=us_bn10

59. *June 27, Salt Lake Tribune* – (Utah) **Official says more resources could have controlled Seeley Fire early.** A fire prevention specialist said the Seeley Fire in Utah could have been stopped, the Salt Lake Tribune reported June 27. The fire prevention specialist for the Manti-La Sal National Forest said when the Seeley Fire ignited June 26, a hand crew and a helicopter were fighting it. However, the helicopter was called away to help with the Wood Hollow Fire on the other side of the mountain in Sanpete County. Soon the Seeley Fire, which was suspected to have been caused by lightning, was too much for the hand crew. With more aircraft, the fire could have been stopped that day, he said. Instead, the Seeley Fire grew to 9,000 acres June 27 and State Road 31, one of Utah's most-scenic drives, is scarred. Containment was reported at zero. Residents were ordered out of Scofield, Clear Creek, and Hiawatha. Boy Scouts and girls camps were evacuated, and the State park around Scofield reservoir was closed.

Source: <http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/54390763-78/fire-jensen-wednesday-seeley.html.csp>

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Dams Sector

60. *June 27, WVUE 8 New Orleans* – (Louisiana) **Major levee, Donaldsonville-to-the-Gulf, effectively dead.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers said June 27 it is scrapping plans to build a levee system to protect a large area of south Louisiana against hurricane flooding coming up the Barataria estuary southeast of New Orleans. The Corps said it was nixing its detailed feasibility study for its Donaldsonville to the Gulf

of Mexico project and could not find an economically feasible way to build levees or raise enough homes to give parts of nine parishes protection against a storm with 1 percent chance of occurring a year. The project was supposed to provide additional protection for parts of Ascension, Assumption, Jefferson, Lafourche, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. James, St. John the Baptist, and St. Charles.

Source: <http://www.fox8live.com/story/18898943/donaldsonville-t>

61. *June 27, Coeur d'Alene Press* – (Idaho) **Bonnors Ferry levee sandbagging underway.** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began supervising the project of sandbagging the Bonnors Ferry, Idaho levee in front of the Kootenai River Inn June 27. The community surrounding the city was assisting in filling and placing of sand bags completed that afternoon. The city made a disaster declaration regarding the current flood danger from the rising Kootenai River June 26. The Corps was managing the flow released from the Libby Dam for flood risk and the limited reservoir space.
Source: http://www.cdapress.com/news/local_news/article_df499752-c09e-11e1-bf8f-0019bb2963f4.html

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