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- The New York Times reports 14 states are suffering from severe drought that has caused billions in losses by wiping out wheat, corn, and other crops, and forcing ranchers to sell off livestock. (See item [27](#))
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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: LOW, Cyber: LOW

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) - <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *July 12, Dayton Daily News* – (Ohio) **DP&L seeks help as 30,000 remain without power.** Crews from Indiana and Tennessee were coming to assist Dayton Power & Light (DP&L) workers as the company tries to restore power to nearly 30,000 customers in Ohio after July 11 storms. DP&L released a statement July 12 that said it would have 900 people working on power restoration. DP&L had 18,943 customers without power in Montgomery County and 5,180 in Greene County. At the peak of the

storm, more than 60,000 were without electricity. On its Web site, the company said outage times for some customers without power "may be lengthy." Statewide, about 42,000 people remained without power as of the morning of July 12, the Associated Press said. Most of those were DP&L customers. Strong winds, but not a tornado, blew the roofs off of two Wood Oak Apartment buildings in Kettering, and knocked apartment debris into two vehicles, damaging them. The storm also damaged trees and power lines in Kettering, Huber Heights, and east Dayton. Lightning also knocked WYSO FM (91.3) public radio off the air. It was still off the air as of 11:13 a.m. July 12.

Source: <http://www.daytondailynews.com/news/dayton-news/dpl-seeks-help-as-30-000dpl-seeks-help-as-30-000-remain-without-power-1204481.html>

2. *July 12, Associated Press* – (Nebraska) **Coal train derails in western Nebraska.** A train hauling coal derailed near Lake McConaughy in Ogallala, Nebraska. North Platte television station KNOP 2 reported the train derailed around 7:20 a.m. July 10 between Sand Creek and Martin Bay near the lake. Dozens of coal cars overturned, but no injuries were reported. The cause of the derailment remains under investigation.
Source: <http://www.ctpost.com/news/article/Coal-train-derails-in-western-Nebraska-1460682.php>
3. *July 11, Salt Lake Tribune* – (Utah) **Train, semi collide in North Salt Lake.** A semi-trailer hauling empty petroleum tanks collided with a refinery train in North Salt Lake, Utah, July 11, resulting in one injury but no fire or explosions. The accident occurred about 9:15 a.m. at 200 West and Center Street. The truck was traveling west and the train was reversing toward the north along the oil refinery's rail line as it moved to switch cars, the deputy chief for South Davis Metro Fire said. The truck cab and first tanker were not struck, but the train struck the second tanker. It overturned, and the truck or a tanker hit a power pole. The truck driver was not injured, but an employee on the Big West Oil train was sent to Intermountain Medical Center in critical condition. A North Salt Lake police lieutenant said the employee was on the rear of the train as it backed into the tanker and the employee appeared to have suffered a compound leg fracture. There was no risk of fire, explosion or hazardous materials being released. Rocky Mountain Power was headed to the scene to check power lines.
Source: <http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/52168362-78/lake-salt-north-train.html.csp>
4. *July 11, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **I-270 reopens after being shut down by gas main leak; morning commute problems not expected.** Montgomery County, Maryland fire officials said both lanes of Interstate 270 were back open after being shut down because of a gas main leak in Clarksburg, Maryland. The assistant fire chief said the highway re-opened around 10 p.m. on July 11. He said work on the leak was expected to continue through the night, but he did not expect any problems for drivers during the July 12 commute. Construction workers severed an 8-inch gas main on Clarksburg Road about 4:30 p.m. July 11. Both lanes of the interstate had to be closed, and businesses on a commercial strip on Gateway Drive were evacuated.
Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/gas-leak-shuts-down-md-highway-commercial-strip-evacuated/2011/07/11/gIQAQ5Xf9H_story.html

5. *July 11, Associated Press* – (National) **Report: Oil pipeline firm too optimistic on spills.** An engineering professor said in a report released July 11 that a Canadian company underestimated the potential for spills along the pipeline it wants to build to carry tar sands oil across the Plains states to refineries near the Gulf of Mexico. The U.S. State Department is reviewing the \$7 billion Keystone XL project, which would double the capacity of the existing Keystone pipeline that runs from North Dakota to Oklahoma and Illinois. The State Department has said it would decide the project's fate by the end of this year. A University of Nebraska-Lincoln engineering professor said neither TransCanada nor the regulators evaluating the proposed Keystone XL pipeline have properly considered the risks. The professor said he decided independently to examine the pipeline to help decision-makers evaluate the project. His report is based on publicly available information that TransCanada and federal regulators have disclosed about the project and past pipeline spills, and some of his colleagues reviewed the report. TransCanada's proposed project is designed to carry oil from Canada across Montana, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. TransCanada also has proposed connecting it to the Bakken oil field in Montana and North Dakota.
Source: http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2011/07/11/business-us-oil-pipeline-nebraska_8559394.html

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Chemical Industry Sector

6. *July 11, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (National) **EPA proposes to review new uses of 14 chemicals classified as glymes.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has proposed requiring companies to report new uses of chemicals known as glymes in consumer products. EPA's action is based partly on concerns that additional uses of these 14 chemicals in consumer products could lead to harmful reproductive and developmental health effects. Glymes are chemicals used in many applications such as printing ink, paints and coatings, adhesives, household batteries, and vehicle brake systems. "This proposed rule would enable EPA to evaluate the use of these chemicals before Americans are subject to additional exposure to them in numerous consumer products" said the assistant administrator for EPA's Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention. The regulatory procedure is known as a significant new use rule (SNUR) under the Toxic Substances Control Act. The SNUR would ensure that, prior to the manufacture, import, or processing of these chemicals for a significant new use, EPA will have 90 days to evaluate potential risks, and prohibit or limit the activity if warranted. Comments on the proposal must be received on or before September 9. The proposal and supporting information can be found in docket number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2009-0767 on the Federal eRulemaking Portal, <http://www.regulations.gov>.
Source:
<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/53C340A668E7063A852578CA006680D6>

7. *July 11, Occupational Health and Safety* – (West Virginia) **CSB seeks comments on DuPont Belle draft report.** The U.S. Chemical Safety Board (CSB) has opened a public review and asked for comments on its draft investigation report about three releases in January 2010 at DuPont's Belle, West Virginia plant, all within 48 hours. One was a phosgene gas release that killed a worker near the location where phosgene cylinders were stored. CSB recommended that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) update its compressed gas safety standard to include secondary enclosures for toxic gases such as phosgene. CSB posted the report July 7 on its Web site, and is making it available for review and comment until 5 p.m. August 22. The three incidents were releases of 2,000 pounds of methyl chloride that occurred unnoticed over a 5-day period, and then releases of oleum, and phosgene. "Key issues involved in the three investigations include safe process design, mechanical integrity, alarm management, operating procedures, and company emergency response and notification procedures," CSB said in its notice announcing the public review. Once the comment period closes, the draft report may be modified based on comments received and other CSB staff investigative activities. A final report will be presented to the board for its consideration and a final vote.
Source: <http://ohsonline.com/articles/2011/07/11/csb-seeks-comments-on-dupont-belle-draft-report.aspx?admarea=news>
8. *July 6, Baltimore Sun* – (National) **Chemical plant security focus of B'more summit.** Chemical plant security got the once-over in a summit that started July 6 in Baltimore, Maryland. About 700 industry and government experts turned out for the 2-day conference, which was co-sponsored by the DHS, and the Chemical Sector Coordinating Council, an industry group. Thousands of plants and other facilities that make or store hazardous chemicals have undergone safety and security upgrades since the September 11 terrorist attacks against the United States, and the industry has cooperated with the federal government in a new round of screening with an eye to improving safeguards even more, according to the CEO and president of the Society of Chemical Manufacturers and Affiliates. He said the industry is currently awaiting the go-ahead from the federal government to act on improvements proposed at facilities that have been screened under the latest review. The importance of staying on top of chemical security was emphasized earlier this year when a 20-year-old Saudi attending community college in Texas was arrested and accused of plotting terrorist attacks. According to The New York Times, he came to the attention of federal authorities after a North Carolina chemical plant reported the student had placed suspicious orders for materials that could be used to make a bomb.
Source: http://weblogs.baltimoresun.com/features/green/2011/07/chemical_plant_security_focus.html

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

9. *July 12, Bozeman Daily Chronicle* – (Montana) **Nuclear watchdogs fine hospital, talc plant.** Federal authorities have slapped Bozeman Deaconess Hospital in Bozeman, Montana, and a Three Forks, Montana talc processing plant with fines for mishandling radioactive material. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission said July 11 it was proposing a \$8,500 fine for Luzenac America in Three Forks, and has levied a \$3,500 fine on Deaconess after routine inspections that, in the hospital's case, uncovered lax security around radioactive medicine. The hospital's violations were uncovered in January 2010, when an inspector on an unannounced visit found the doors to the room containing radioactive material propped open, and the room unattended. A subsequent assessment of the hospital's radioactive medicine supply showed a small amount of samarium-153 could not be accounted for. Hospital workers suspected it was disposed of with other medicine and not documented, according to a report from the commission. In Luzenac's case, the commission found the company "inadvertently" sent a gauge containing radioactive material to a recycling center in Bozeman that was not authorized to receive it. The company has taken "prompt and comprehensive corrective actions" to address the violation, the commission said.
Source: http://www.bozemandailychronicle.com/news/article_db1cbadc-ac19-11e0-bae2-001cc4c002e0.html
10. *July 11, Reuters* – (New Mexico) **Contaminated soil a concern at Los Alamos lab.** Following a massive wildfire, crews at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in Los Alamos, New Mexico have begun removing contaminated soil from nearby canyons out of a concern that flash flooding could wash toxins into the Rio Grande River, officials said July 11. The Las Conchas wildfire, which scorched land in the canyons near Los Alamos before it was turned away from the lab earlier in the month, has added urgency to the soil removal efforts because flash floods could rush unimpeded through canyon floors stripped of vegetation, officials said. That concern is heightened by the monsoons that have arrived on schedule in northern New Mexico. The National Weather Service July 11 put out a flash-flood watch for the fire area through at least July 13. The soil in the canyons above Los Alamos National Laboratory contains materials with trace amounts of radiation and hazardous chemicals such as polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) that were dumped there decades ago, said a spokesman for the lab's environmental control division.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/07/12/us-monsoons-wildfire-new-mexico-idUSTRE76A7DH20110712>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

11. *July 11, Dallas Business Journal* – (National) **Study: Shop towels hold heavy metal risks.** A study commissioned by IKimberly Clark Corp. shows millions of U.S. manufacturing workers are unknowingly exposed to elevated levels of heavy metals through laundered shop towels. The study by Cambridge, Massachusetts-based environmental consulting firm Gradient builds on an analysis published in 2003 and concludes that, even after commercial laundering, the towels studied retain high levels of metals, which could result in exposure levels exceeding federal and state agency

guidelines. Workers who handle the towels may also unknowingly transfer metals from their hands to their mouths, a research scientist for Kimberly-Clark Professional said. The tested shop towels may introduce metals that are not otherwise in a facility because industrial launderers collect the towels from different workplaces, wash them together, then send them out for use by the same or other businesses, she said.

Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/dallas/news/2011/07/11/study-shop-towels-hold-heavy-metal.html>

12. *July 11, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Illinois) **US Labor Department's OSHA cites T & D Metal Products in Watseka, Ill., with 4 safety violations after 2 workers suffer amputations.** The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has cited T & D Metal Products LLC of Watseka, Illinois, with four safety, including three willful, violations, after two workers suffered amputation injuries at the company's metal stamping facility. The incidents occurred on two separate press brakes, January 10 and January 18. "T & D Metal Products failed to ensure machine guarding and safety procedures were in place to protect employees, even after a worker was injured. This negligence contributed to a second worker being injured on the same type of equipment eight days later," OSHA's area director in Peoria said. The willful violations include failing to lock out/tag out hazardous energy sources prior to performing maintenance operations, and failing to have point-of-operation guarding on the press brakes January 10 and January 18. One serious safety violation was cited for failing to use safety blocks when dies were being adjusted and repaired. Proposed penalties for the citations total \$214,830. Prior to the January inspection, the company had been cited by OSHA for 47 violations since 1988. OSHA has placed T & D Metal Products in its Severe Violator Enforcement Program, which mandates targeted follow-up inspections to ensure compliance with the law.

Source:

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=20241

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

13. *July 12, InformationWeek* – (International) **AntiSec hacks Booz Allen, posts confidential military email.** Hactivist group AntiSec targeted government contractor Booz Allen Hamilton and posted what it claims are 90,000 military e-mail addresses and passwords online. The group — a spinoff from the Anonymous and now-defunct LulzSec hacker teams — posted a torrent on the Pirate Bay calling the hack "Military Meltdown Monday: Mangling Booz Allen Hamilton." It was the second attack on a government defense contractor in nearly as many days. In notes about the release, AntiSec criticized the lack of security it encountered when trying to infiltrate a server on Booz Allen's network, claiming it "basically had no security measures in place." The group said it ran its own application on the network to collect data at will. AntiSec claimed it also was able to steal 4 GB of source code; however, "this was deemed insignificant and a waste of valuable space, so we merely grabbed it, and wiped it from their system." Additionally, the group used the credentials it lifted from the system to

take various data from other servers, as well as found what it claimed are clues to infiltrating other government agencies and federal contractors that it may pass on to other hackers, it said. AntiSec embarked on an international hacking spree in June as part of an "Operation Anti Security" campaign that it said is targeting government corruption around the world. AntiSec said July 8 it successfully infiltrated the servers of FBI contractor IRC Federal, posting information it found in internal e-mails on both Pastebin and the Pirate Bay. Like Booz Allen, IRC Federal works with the Department of Defense, among other federal agencies. While IRC confirmed the breach of its network, Booz Allen declined to confirm or deny AntiSec's claims, tweeting that as part of the company's security policy, "we generally do not comment on specific threats or actions taken against our systems."

Source: <http://www.informationweek.com/news/security/attacks/231001418>

14. *July 11, Wired* – (International) **Locked and loaded: Pentagon contractor helped write its own armored-truck deal.** A report released July 11 by the Department of Defense (DoD) inspector general (IG) finds the department allowed contractors that produced the Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicle to essentially write their own contracts. According to the report, the line between contractor and government vendor became so porous officials "increased the risk for potential waste or abuse on the contract," the IG wrote. That urgency of getting the vehicles to theater led some officials at the Army's Contracting Command and the Joint Program Office-MRAP into a close relationship with Jacobs Technology and its subcontractor SAIC, which won a \$193.4 million award for logistics services on the MRAPs in November 2007. The IG found Jacobs/SAIC employees "directed Government personnel in Iraq," ordering them to report to the contractor team and not government officials. In another case, a battalion commander with the 402nd Army Field Support Brigade allowed a contractor employee to assist in reprimanding an unnamed DoD official for an unspecified infraction. "[C]ontractor employees appeared to be directing the day-to-day operations of DoD personnel," the IG indicated. In 2009, ahead of the re-up of the contract, the contractors' Army partners and the Joint Program Office "worked together to prepare the contract requirement" for the successor to the MRAP bid, a deal worth \$285.5 million that ended in May. The contract also went to SAIC.

Source: <http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2011/07/locked-and-loaded/>

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Banking and Finance Sector

15. *July 12, Courthouse News Service* – (Pennsylvania) **SEC nails an old accountant.** The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) said July 11 a 73-year-old accountant of Villanova, Pennsylvania, and his firm raked in more than \$5 million "in purported fees and trading profits," ill-gotten gains from a \$75 million Ponzi scheme. The SEC sued the Pennsylvania man and the company he founded and ran, Jacklin Associates, of Radnor. In its settled complaint, the SEC claims the man helped an accomplice run a Ponzi scam; the accomplice previously pleaded guilty to multiple fraud charges and

money laundering and was sentenced to 15 years in prison. The SEC claims the man solicited customers for the head of the scheme, and "without performing any due diligence, passed along to investors through Jacklin materially false and misleading information about, among other things, Forte LP's current value and growth, historical performance, rapid-trading strategy, and retention of an accountant." The SEC said in announcing the filing of its settled complaint that "[the suspect], through Jacklin, also performed back office and bookkeeping functions for Forte LP, including creating and issuing to investors false quarterly statements and tax documents prepared based on false information. ... In communicating the fraudulent information to investors, [the suspect] disregarded red flags that should have alerted him that the information that he was passing on was false."

Source: <http://www.courthousenews.com/2011/07/12/38056.htm>

16. *July 11, Associated Press* – (Connecticut; Arizona; Florida) **Stamford man pleads guilty in mortgage fraud.** Federal prosecutors said a Stamford, Connecticut man pleaded guilty July 11 to wire fraud related to a \$4 million mortgage scheme. A Connecticut U.S. attorney said the man waived his right to indictment and pleaded guilty in New Haven to one count of wire fraud. The attorney said the 43-year-old submitted mortgage applications to several lenders for homes in Arizona, Connecticut, and Florida in 2006 and 2007. The prosecutor said that in many of the mortgage applications, he provided false information. He said each of the homes the man bought was sold in foreclosure and mortgage lenders lost more than \$2 million. He faces up to 20 years in prison, and a fine of as much as \$4 million when he is scheduled to be sentenced October 4.

Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2011/07/11/2309942/stamford-man-pleads-guilty-in.html>

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Transportation Sector

17. *July 12, Aspen Daily News* – (Colorado) **Lightning cause of canceled night flights.** A lightning strike short-circuited runway lights at the Aspen/Pitkin County Airport in Pitkin County, Colorado, the week of July 4, and shut down incoming night flights for 4 days. Nighttime operations resumed July 11. The lightning struck July 7 on an array of navigational lights that are required by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for Aspen. Known as a Precision Approach Path Indicator, the lights flash different colors to indicate various conditions, which allow pilots to gauge their speed and elevation during approaches. All incoming flights after dark for Frontier and United Airlines were canceled during the 4-day stretch. The airport director said July 11 that at least 13 flights were affected. United added one extra morning flight July 8, and two through July 11, to accommodate passengers whose night flights were canceled. Engineers from the FAA began examining the damage July 8. Its scope was widespread and worse than it seemed at first glance, said a county spokesperson. As the repair work continued July 10, three flights were canceled — one operated by Frontier and two by United. The indicator lights were returned to service shortly after midnight July 11.

Source: <http://www.aspendailynews.com/section/home/147923>

18. *July 12, New York Post* – (New York) **NJ man busted with two stun guns at JFK Airport.** Just 2 days after a stun gun was found on a JetBlue plane that had just landed at Newark Liberty International Airport in Newark, New Jersey, a passenger at John F. Kennedy International Airport in Queens, New York, was caught trying to board a plane with two stun guns stashed in his luggage, sources said. The latest incident — which appears unrelated to the first — occurred shortly after 9 p.m. July 10 in JFK's Terminal One, according to the sources. The traveler, 53, a restaurateur from Alpine, New Jersey, was busted as he waited to catch a Lufthansa Airlines flight for Frankfurt, Germany, the sources said. A Transportation Security Administration screener noticed the stun guns in a suitcase during an X-ray and physical bag search, according to a criminal complaint. The traveler claimed to have bought the weapons for relatives in Greece because of the civil unrest there, a law-enforcement source said. His arrest follows the July 8 discovery of a stun gun on JetBlue Flight 1179 from Boston, Massachusetts after it had landed in Newark and its passengers had departed, the sources said.
Source: http://www.nypost.com/p/news/local/queens/airport_stun_gun_shocker_PjpJmySvWchQPpasleJ7vL
19. *July 12, Associated Press* – (Maine) **Amtrak Downeaster trains running a day after crash.** A tractor-trailer left 200 feet of skid marks on the pavement as the driver tried in vain to stop before sliding into the path of an Amtrak train, causing a fiery collision that killed the trucker, and injured several of the train's passengers and crew members in North Berwick, Maine. The locomotive, cruising at 70 mph, smashed the truck's cab into several pieces July 11, and witnesses described a fireball shooting skyward. Witnesses reported that safety lights were flashing and gates were down at the railroad crossing on Route 4, and police do not know why the tractor-trailer driver failed to stop. The driver, who was hauling trash to a regional incinerator, was killed police said. There were no life-threatening injuries among the 112 passengers and 3 crew members aboard Amtrak's Downeaster, which originated in Boston, Massachusetts, and was traveling northward to Portland, Maine. Service on the route was delayed after the collision, and passengers completed the trip to Portland by bus. Debris and equipment were removed from the tracks in time for service to resume about 12 hours later with the final run of the night from Boston to Portland.
Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/Travel/wireStory?id=14052700>
20. *July 12, CNN* – (California) **Protesters angry about police shooting shut down S.F. subway stop.** Protesters shut down a San Francisco, California subway station July 11, angry about a transit police officer shooting a drunk man at a station earlier this month. A group called "No Justice, No BART" — which formed after the 2009 shooting of an unarmed passenger by a Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) police officer — organized the spirited, albeit largely peaceful rally centered at the city's Civic Center stop. With a slew of reporters, photographers, and cameramen in sight, the demonstrators packed a BART train. They reeled off a number of chants including "No justice, no peace" and "Murderers, justice." The protest prompted the BART system to halt service in and out of its Civic Center stop, the agency announced in an alert. The 16th Street Mission station also closed down, while major delays were reported all around the city. No one

has been charged in the shooting, which is the sixth in the system's 40-year history, according to BART.

Source:

http://www.cnn.com/2011/US/07/11/california.transit.shooting/index.html?hpt=us_c2

21. *July 11, Associated Press* – (Kentucky) **Train derails in central Kentucky.** Officials in Stanford, Kentucky said 14 cars of a train derailed July 11. No injuries were reported from the derailment, which happened at about 1 p.m. in the McKinney area of Lincoln County, WLEX 18 Lexington reported. A hazardous materials crew was brought in as a precaution after it was discovered the train was carrying items including fertilizer and aerosols, but no hazard occurred, the station reported. The reason for the derailment has not been determined, but officials said some work had been done on the track recently. Source: <http://www.wave3.com/story/15063067/train-derails-in-central-kentucky>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

22. *July 11, WAVY 10 Portsmouth* – (Virginia) **Fire extinguishers prompt UPS scare.** Fire officials said the suspicious package that created a Hazmat situation at a United Postal Service (UPS) warehouse July 11 in Norfolk, Virginia contained a fire extinguisher. According to a captain with the Norfolk Fire Department , a small box discharged a white powdery substance around 6:40 a.m. as it was tumbling down the conveyor belt in the facility on Croft Street. Late July 11, fire officials were trying to figure out why the fire extinguishers went off. The package was in the conveyor system 15 feet in the air. A Norfolk Fire Department spokesman said the package had to be brought down so it could be evaluated by bomb technicians. There were 36 people working in the building at the time of the incident, a UPS spokeswoman said. The building was evacuated. Three people near the package were checked out and are fine. An employee at the facility said some of the workers were sent home and were asked to check in with their supervisor to find out when they could return. The haz-mat situation was cleared around 12:15 p.m. Officials said the fire extinguishers were being shipped from a business to another business, and it is not illegal to ship fire extinguishers. No one was hurt. Source: http://www.wavy.com/dpp/news/local_news/norfolk/package-catches-fire-emits-white-smoke

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Agriculture and Food Sector

23. *July 12, Associated Press* – (Georgia) **Ammonia leak closes Atlanta street.** Fire officials in Atlanta, Georgia, said an ammonia leak from a baking plant closed DeKalb Avenue for several hours July 12. A fire department spokesman said firefighters responded to a report of an odor at the Edwards Baking Company at 1 a.m. He said

firefighters reported smelling ammonia and found employees evacuating the pie-making plant. Firefighters determined a refrigeration unit was leaking an ammonia-based refrigerant. The leak posed no threat to the areas near the plant, and residential evacuations were not required. A cleaning contractor that specializes in hazardous materials spills was dispatched to the plant, which was closed until further notice, the spokesman said.

Source: <http://www.ledger-enquirer.com/2011/07/12/1654204/ammonia-leak-closes-atlanta-street.html>

24. *July 12, Eugene Register-Guard* – (Oregon) **Officials to hear pesticide concerns.** The Triangle Lake area of Oregon has been subject to years of complaints that herbicide drift from aerial spraying may be sickening residents in the Highway 36 corridor. The Oregon Health Authority has been crafting an investigation into allegations. While some community members have been complaining about spray drift for years, it took recent test results showing the presence of two herbicides in residents' urine to prompt government agencies to take a closer look at the question of herbicide drift. Private forestland owners often spray herbicides on clear-cuts to cut down the competition from weeds and brush that can slow the growth of young trees. The corridor runs through the Coast Range, from Mapleton at the western end, through communities such as Swisshome, Deadwood, Triangle Lake, and Blachly, and on into Cheshire. In what activists call a watershed event, state and federal officials will meet July 14 with Triangle Lake area residents concerned about herbicide exposure.

Source: <http://www.registerguard.com/web/updates/26538778-41/state-herbicide-triangle-lake-meeting.html.csp>

25. *July 12, Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* – (Pennsylvania) **Texas man arrested in fatal shooting at Ligonier's Fat Daddy's.** A 40-year-old San Antonio, Texas man walked into Fat Daddy's Pub and Grille in Ligonier, Pennsylvania, at 6:48 p.m. July 11 carrying a semi-automatic rifle and killed a Cook Township man with a single shot after the two had argued, authorities said. The suspect was held by other patrons until police arrived and arrested him. Within minutes after the shooting, the suspect was taken into custody at the tavern by the Ligonier Borough police chief. Two patrons who had wrestled the suspect to the ground held him there until the chief was able to handcuff him, the chief said. Patrons told the chief there was an argument over changing the television channel, then the suspect went outside and came back with an AR-15, a semi-automatic rifle, he said. Some of the dozen or so patrons took cover in a cooler. Others ran to a nearby house when the man, dressed in black and wearing a cowboy hat, walked into the tavern, authorities said. Police cordoned off a 4-block area, and warned residents to stay inside their homes. At least nine Westmoreland County detectives, Ligonier police and the Westmoreland County coroner responded. A gray pickup truck with Texas license plates, which police believe belonged to the alleged shooter, was impounded.

Source:

http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/news/westmoreland/s_746329.html

26. *July 12, Food Safety News* – (International) **Euro outbreak numbers continue to climb.** Five more E. coli O104:H4 infections have been confirmed within the cluster of

Bordeaux, France patients who ate sprouts at an event in early June, the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) reported July 11. The University of Minnesota-based Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy (CIDRAP) said the additional cases were added by public health officials in France. According to CIDRAP, three of the five patients had attended the event in BÃgles. One of them has hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS), a potentially fatal kidney complication. The other two patients, one of whom has HUS, were infected by others who were sick, the ECDC said. The newly reported infections raise the Bordeaux E. coli O104:H4 cluster to 11 cases, including 8 people with HUS. The World Health Organization (WHO) reports 16 countries in Europe and North America have reported 3,941 cases of E. coli O104:H4 infection, including 52 fatalities.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/07/euro-outbreak-numbers-continue-to-climb/>

27. *July 11, New York Times* – (National) **Drought spreads pain from Florida to Arizona.** The heat and the drought are so bad in southwest Georgia that hogs can barely eat. Corn is burning up in fields. Farmers with the money and equipment to irrigate are running wells dry in the unseasonably early and particularly brutal national drought that some say could rival the Dust Bowl days. The pain has spread across 14 states, from Florida, where severe water restrictions are in place, to Arizona, where ranchers could be forced to sell off entire herds of cattle because they simply cannot feed them. The U.S. Department of Agriculture in June designated all 254 counties in Texas natural disaster areas, qualifying them for varying levels of federal relief. More than 30 percent of the state's wheat fields might be lost, adding pressure to a crop in short supply globally. Even if weather patterns shift and relief-giving rain comes, losses will surely head past \$3 billion in Texas alone, state agricultural officials said. The drought, which could go down as one of the nation's worst, has come on extra hot and extra early. It has its roots in 2010 and continued through the winter. The 5 months from this February to June, for example, were so dry that they shattered a Texas record set in 1917, said the acting state climatologist.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2011/07/12/us/12drought.html>

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Water Sector

28. *July 12, Milford Daily News* – (Massachusetts) **Milford water still plagued by high level of chlorine byproduct.** For the third straight quarter, Milford, Massachusetts' water samples exceeded standards for chemical compounds called trihalomethanes, said to be dangerous if exposure lasts for several years, according to the state department of environmental protection (DEP). Trihalomethanes are formed as a byproduct when chlorine, used to control bacteria in drinking water, reacts with naturally occurring organic matter. The violation, as well as a problems with discolored water in some parts of town, prompted selectmen to ask the town administrator to set up a meeting to discuss ongoing issues July 11. A section of the company's 2010 water

quality report said it did not take adequate chlorine residual samples from July to September 2010 and coliform samples in August 2010, and cannot be sure of the water quality during that time. Milford Water Co. reported 82 parts per billion (ppb) of trihalomethanes, above the 80 ppb standard, a DEP spokesman said. The water company's year-long average level of trihalomethanes was also above the standard, which forced the agency to issue a public notice to customers no later than August 6. Selectmen planned to meet with representatives from Milford Water, the state DEP, and the town's board of health. A date has not been set. Exposure to a higher-than-acceptable amount of trihalomethanes over many years can cause liver, kidney or central nervous system problems, and increased risk of cancer, according to a Milford Water warning letter issued after a previous violation.

Source: <http://www.milforddailynews.com/news/x1498054725/Milford-water-still-plagued-by-high-level-of-chlorine-byproduct>

29. *July 11, Louisville Courier Dispatch* – (Kentucky) **Water main break floods University of Louisville.** A massive water-main break July 11 flooded a wide swath of the University of Louisville's Belknap campus in Louisville, Kentucky. The break caused widespread drops in water pressure that prompted a boil-water advisory for at least 25,000 customers, affecting 75,000 people. The break, which happened at about 6:20 p.m near the intersection of Floyd and Warnock streets, covered parts of the campus in several feet of water. Emergency crews rescued six people who were trapped by the water inside in the Thrust Theater building. Near Cardinal Boulevard and Floyd, a veritable lake formed as 30 million to 40 million gallons of water were lost. “This is like a sink, where the water is collecting in a bowl right now,” said a spokeswoman for the Louisville Water Co. Workers struggled to shut off valves on pipes feeding the break. Company workers turned off three main valves shortly after 9 p.m., and water pressure began rebounding. It dropped across a widespread area, resulting in little or no water for many downtown businesses. Officials recommended that affected customers boil water 3 minutes before drinking it, particularly those west of Bardstown and Baxter roads, west to Ninth Street, north to Ohio River, and south to the Watterson Expressway. The exact amount of water lost or if the city’s water supply was contaminated will not be known until July 12. University of Louisville classes were canceled July 11.

Source: [http://www.courier-journal.com/article/20110711/NEWS01/307110083/1008/Water-main-break-floods-University-Louisville?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|Local News](http://www.courier-journal.com/article/20110711/NEWS01/307110083/1008/Water-main-break-floods-University-Louisville?odyssey=tab|topnews|text|Local%20News)

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

30. *July 12, msnbc.com* – (National) **Drug shortages slam patients, health workers.** Two new surveys conducted by the American Hospital Association (AHA) and the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) illustrate an escalating shortage of vital drugs that could affect nearly every hospital in the United States,

forcing delays or substitutions in patient care, diverting pharmacy staff from crucial duties, and racking up \$216 million in costs. Federal Food and Drug Administration officials said the shortages are caused by manufacturing problems, firms that simply stop making drugs, and production delays. Among the findings from AHA's online survey that drew responses from 820 of the nation's 5,100 hospitals, 99.5 percent of them reported one or more drug shortages in the last 6 months, and nearly half reported shortages of 21 or more drugs. Some 82 percent of those hospitals said they have delayed patient treatment because of shortages, or have been unable to treat patients as recommended. The ASHP survey, which drew 353 responses from 1,322 pharmacy directors, found that more than 80 percent of institutions ran low on three top vital drugs: succinylcholine injection, concentrated dextrose solutions, and epinephrine injections. The shortages have forced some clinical staff to shift away from patient duties to manage the problem, the ASHP survey found. Nearly two-thirds of hospitals said they rarely receive advance notices of shortages, and 14 percent never do, the AHA survey said. More than half said they are rarely told how long the shortages will last.

Source: http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/43718291/ns/health-health_care/

31. *July 11, KKTV 11 Colorado Springs* – (Colorado) **Nurse accused of illegally accessing thousands of medical records.** A nurse who worked for Colorado Springs Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs, Colorado is accused of accessing 2,500 medical records for personal use and without a medical, billing, or operational reason. The nurse worked in the occupational health clinic and was allowed access to all of the hospital's patient records as a part of her job. Investigators said she was most likely not using the information for identity theft, but would not comment any more as to why she accessed the files. Memorial has since formed a task force to increase security to prevent something like this from happening again. They are also exploring other computer systems that will detect unusual medical record activity more quickly. No criminal charges have been filed.

Source:

http://www.kktv.com/news/headlines/Nurse_Accused_Of_Illegally_Accessing_Thousands_Of_Medical_Records_125394398.html

32. *July 11, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **Health department announces 3 buildings closed Tuesday due to power outage.** The DuPage County, Illinois, Health Department announced July 11 that department offices in Lombard and in Addison and the transitional services center in Wheaton would be closed July 12 due to a power outage caused by storms the night before. Other health department facilities would be operating with normal business hours, the agency said. The health department requested that clients in Women, Infants and Children (WIC) scheduled for July 12 appointments at the Addison office report to the central office in Wheaton. WIC clients with appointments at the Lombard office should report to the Westmont office. Clients should report at the same times as their original appointments. The immunization clinic scheduled in the Lombard office July 12 will be rescheduled for the same location the week of July 18. All clients who want to drop off water samples for testing July 12 are advised to bring them to the central office in Wheaton.

Source: <http://triblocal.com/wheaton/community/stories/2011/07/health-department-announces-3-buildings-closed-tuesday-due-to-power-outage/>

33. *July 11, Associated Press* – (Massachusetts) **Rocker accused of pharmacy robbery before show.** An Attleboro, Massachusetts, district court judge has increased bail for the Coheed and Cambria rock band bassist accused of robbing prescription painkillers from a pharmacy just hours before a show. Attleboro police said the bassist showed a Walgreens pharmacist a note on his phone July 10 saying he had a bomb. The 30-year-old California man fled with six bottles of Oxycontin, taking a cab to the Comcast Center in Mansfield. He was arrested before the show, and the band played without him. The judge increased bail from \$10,000 cash to \$25,000 cash, citing the defendant's out-of-state address and criminal record, including a previous drug conviction.

Source: <http://today.msnbc.msn.com/id/43711133?GT1=43001>

34. *July 11, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **Downers Grove nursing home without power evacuated.** Citing concerns over high temperatures and a lack of air-conditioning, aid workers were conducting a voluntary evacuation of residents at Oak Tree Towers, one of two large retirement homes in Downers Grove, Illinois, officials said July 11. Power was knocked out at the facility when a storm ripped through the area that morning. A back-up power system failed to come online, prompting facility managers to contact the village for help as temperatures climbed into the upper 80s.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/chi-downers-grove-nursing-home-without-power-evacuated-20110711,0,4276199.story>

35. *July 8, U.S. Department of Justice* – (California) **Co-owner of two health care companies convicted on multiple health care fraud charges.** The co-owner of Caravan Medical Supplies Inc., a durable medical equipment (DME) company, and Prosperity Home Health Services Inc., was convicted July 7 on multiple health care fraud charges related to his participation in a scheme to defraud Medicare, announced the Departments of Justice and Health and Human Services (HHS). A federal jury in the Central District of California found the defendant guilty of one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud, four counts of health care fraud, and one count of false statements relating to health care matters. The co-owner and operator pleaded guilty July 5 to multiple health care fraud charges in connection with his participation in the fraud scheme. They were indicted in February 2011. According to the indictment, from October 2002 to February 2011, the two conspired with others to defraud Medicare by paying “marketers” for access to Medicare beneficiary information and fraudulent prescriptions and other documents for DME and home health services. The defendants used the fraudulent documents obtained from the marketers to submit and cause the submission of false claims to Medicare for DME and home health services that were not medically necessary, and that often were not provided to Medicare beneficiaries. They submitted about \$5.8 million in fraudulent claims to Medicare for DME purportedly provided by Caravan and about \$8 million in fraudulent claims to Medicare for home health services purportedly provided by Prosperity. According to court documents, the defendant also owned another DME company, Osbed Medical Supply, which submitted \$6.1 million in fraudulent claims to Medicare.

Source: <http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2011/July/11-crm-896.html>

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Government Facilities Sector

36. *July 12, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* – (Pennsylvania) **Leak damages courthouse.** Water from a broken hose on an air conditioner has damaged portions of at least three floors in the Allegheny County Courthouse in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Water-logged ceiling tiles fell to the floor in several offices on the third and fourth floors. Work crews used vacuum cleaners, dehumidifiers and fans to clean up the mess July 11. The hose began to leak water July 10, a spokeswoman for a county executive said. Courts and county offices ran on a normal schedule July 11.
Source: <http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/11193/1159802-53.stm>
37. *July 11, Five Towns Patch* – (New York) **Fire departments respond to chlorine leak at HAFTR.** A chlorine leak at HAFTR Elementary School in Lawrence, New York July 10 caused the evacuation of three employees, two of whom were transported to the hospital for treatment, according to a Lawrence-Cedarhurst Fire Department (LCFD) chief. An employee opened a door in the pool area of the school and was overwhelmed by a toxic plume, according to the LCFD second deputy chief. LCFD was notified of the leak at 11:48 a.m. Firefighters searched the building and evacuated employees. Responders were at the scene for about 3 hours. About 20 LCFD firefighters and paramedics responded. Units from the Inwood and Woodmere fire departments were also on hand. Crews from the Meadowmere Fire Department decontaminated firefighters. Members of the Elmont Fire Department found a 150-pound chlorine tank inside that was the source of the leak. The Nassau County Fire Marshal HAZMAT team, and Nassau County Police Emergency Service Units also responded.
Source: <http://fivetowns.patch.com/articles/fire-departments-respond-to-chlorine-leak-at-haftr>
38. *July 11, WBTW 13 Florence* – (South Carolina) **Vandals cause \$20,000 in damages to Bennettsville school.** Bennettsville, South Carolina police are asking for assistance regarding a burglary and malicious injury to property case that involved nearly \$20,000 in damages to a Bennettsville school July 11. Staff members of Bennettsville Primary School spent July 11 trying to remove gallons of paint that vandals poured on walls and carpet inside the school. In addition, investigators said the vandals also broke several glass windows and doors, and set off many fire extinguishers.
Source: <http://www2.scnow.com/news/2011/jul/11/bennettsville-school-broken-and-vandalized-ar-2095590/>

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Emergency Services Sector

39. *July 11, InformationWeek* – (National) **AntiSec hacks FBI contractor.** The hacktivist group known as AntiSec said July 8 that it had successfully breached the servers of FBI contractor IRC Federal. In a Pastebin post, Antisecc claimed it dropped databases and private e-mails, and defaced the Web site. AntiSec is a loosely affiliated hacking group that's an offshoot of Anonymous and the now defunct LulzSec. The group said it targeted IRC Federal for "selling out their 'skills' to the U.S. empire." IRC Federal, a government contractor, works with the Army, Navy, NASA, and Department of Justice, among other organizations. As of the early afternoon of July 11, the IRC Federal Web site remained offline following the attack. According to statement released by the company, "We reported it to the authorities, and otherwise we have no comment." Extracts of the material supposedly stolen from IRC Federal were posted to Pastebin. Meanwhile, a more complete, 107-MB torrent file was shared via the Pirate Bay.

Source: <http://www.informationweek.com/news/security/attacks/231001326>

40. *July 11, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Hingham-based regional dispatch to be first in South Shore.** The towns of Hingham, Hull, Cohasset, and Norwell will join together in August to create the first regionalized dispatch center in Massachusetts, an accomplishment that the four communities have been working to finalize since 2008. Hingham will move into the new center, which will be located on the second floor in the right wing of Hingham's Town Hall, August 23. Soon thereafter, Norwell, Cohasset, and Hull will move in at 1-week intervals starting September 13.

Source: http://articles.boston.com/2011-07-11/yourtown/29761803_1_dispatch-center-towns-due-date

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Information Technology Sector

41. *July 12, Help Net Security* – (International) **Critical vulnerability in Sun Java.** ACROS Security discovered a vulnerability in Sun Java that can be exploited by malicious individuals to compromise a user's system, according to Secunia. The vulnerability is caused due to the application loading an executable file in an insecure manner when an out of memory condition occurs. This can be exploited to execute arbitrary programs by tricking a user into, for example, opening a HTML file, which loads an applet located on a remote WebDAV or SMB share. Successful exploitation allows execution of arbitrary code. The vulnerability is confirmed in version 6 update 26 (build 1.6.0_26-b03). Other versions may also be affected.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=11267>

42. *July 11, Softpedia* – (International) **Click fraud trojan distributors borrow scareware techniques.** Security researchers from GFI warned cyber criminals pushing click fraud trojans adopted distribution techniques commonly seen in scareware schemes. According to experts, this is one of the first browser-aware schemes used to distribute this type of malware and appears to target Chrome and Firefox users

specifically. The trojan, part of the 2GCash family, is distributed from a domain registered through a free dynamic DNS provider. Security researchers did not say how users end up on this page, but they are most likely taken through several redirects, possibly after clicking on malicious search results. Internet Explorer users get redirected to usa.gov, a legitimate Web site, while people using other browsers are served malicious files for download. Google Chrome users will be prompted to download and install a Flash Player update called v11_flash_AV(dot)exe. Firefox users will see a fake "what's new" page that similarly claims that Flash Player is outdated. This mimics the page that normally appears after Firefox is upgraded to a new version and actually performs a check to see if installed plug-ins are up to date. However, despite warning about an old version of Flash Player, the file served for download is called ff-update(dot)exe. Both files install the same 2GCash variant, a trojan used to perform click fraud and hijack people's search results. The malware can also act as a downloader for additional threats, including PDF exploits and scareware. The newer 2GCash variants possess the ability to detect virtual machines, making it harder for researchers to analyze the trojan because most of them use virtual machines. "They also tend to rotate variants almost every 6 to 12 hours as a method to try and evade detection," the GFI security researchers warned.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Click-Fraud-Trojan-Distributors-Borrow-Scareware-Techniques-210894.shtml>

43. *July 11, Computerworld* – (International) **Researchers uncover more Android malware on Google's Market.** Security researchers found more malicious Android apps on Google's official download site and being spread through Chinese app stores. Lookout Security spotted four apps on the Android Market July 8 that were infected with a variant of the "DroidDream Light" malware that has now plagued the e-store three times during 2011. On July 11, researchers at North Carolina State University announced they found new malware that forced Android smartphones into texting a premium number. According to Lookout, Google quickly removed the four applications from the Android Market. The mobile security company said, like the June campaign, the DroidDream Light malware discovered July 8 launched itself without user interaction after it was downloaded. Once on an Android smartphone, DroidDream Light can prompt owners to download other apps from the market, bait users with a malicious URL, or even automatically download more apps to the device. Also, July 11, a North Carolina State University researcher, issued a warning of a new Android threat: "HippoSMS." The malware was only published to unauthorized Chinese app stores. HippoSMS piggybacks on a host app and is installed when that app is downloaded and approved by the user. Its makers are monetizing the malware by forcing an infected smartphone to text a premium number, but they are also trying to hide that behavior from users.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9218314/Researchers_uncover_more_Android_malware_on_Google_s_Market

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Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <https://www.it-isac.org>

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Communications Sector

44. *July 12, Radio-Info.com* – (Minnesota) **Religious KTIS-AM in Minneapolis is hit by copper thieves.** Copper thieves struck a religious station in Minneapolis, Minnesota, nearly taking it off the air, Radio-Info.com reported July 12. Minnesota's Oakdale Patch reported someone got through the station's fence at the tower site and entered a building, taking two 3-foot sections of copper from the transmitter site. An engineer identified the missing metal as the ground straps. While KTIS 900 AM Minneapolis was still on the air, they were forced to reduce daytime power from their normal 50,000 watts to just 5,000 watts due to the damage and lost copper. There was no timetable as to when "Faith Radio" would return to full broadcast power.
Source: <http://www.radio-info.com/news/religious-ktis-am-in-minneapolis-is-hit-by-copper-thieves>
45. *July 11, Skokie Patch* – (Illinois) **No TV? No Internet? Comcast is down.** A chaotic storm that lasted for 20 minutes July 11 did enough damage to claim more than 600,000 homes without power in Illinois. Comcast customers also experienced Internet and TV outages. According to a Comcast representative, the Midwest experienced a large outage. The representative said technicians are trying to remedy the problem, but no timetable for repairs was given.
Source: <http://skokie.patch.com/articles/no-tv-no-internet-comcast-is-down>
46. *July 11, WSLs 10 Roanoke* – (Virginia) **Phone outage in Franklin Co. causes problems for 911.** Century Link said July 11 calls can be made to Franklin County, Virginia's 911 center, and outgoing calls from the 576 exchange can be made, but no incoming calls can be made. Franklin County officials earlier notified WSLs 10 Roanoke that telephone services were down in the Union Hall area, including calls to the 911 Communications Center. All fire and rescue Stations were being manned until further notice for emergencies. All people needing assistance were advised to go to their local fire and EMS station or call emergency services by cell phone. WSLs was told July 11 the service providers were working to find the problems.
Source: <http://www2.wsls.com/news/2011/jul/11/2/phone-outage-franklin-co-causes-problems-911-ar-1166343/>
47. *July 9, Rome News-Tribune* – (Georgia) **Lightning strike weakens The Ridge signal.** Listeners of WATG radio, The Ridge, 95.7 FM, in Rome, Georgia, may have to struggle to pick up that radio station for an undetermined period of time, the Rome News-Tribune reported July 9. The station's general manager said the station's

transmitter was struck by lightning recently. The station was off the air for about 36 hours before engineers could restore a low power signal. The signal has weakened since July 6, and the manager said that the transmitter sustained a lot of damage. The station is difficult to pick up in some areas of Rome. The manager said listeners in Chattooga County can still receive a relatively solid signal. "I'm not sure how long it is going to be running at low power," the manager said. "I was first told it was going to be six to eight weeks, but then the engineers said it would only be a week to 10 days." Source: http://romenews-tribune.com/view/full_story/14645709/article-Lightning-strike-weakens-The-Ridge-signal?instance=home_news

48. *July 9, Boulder Daily Camera* – (Colorado) **CU-Boulder's Radio 1190 back on air after lightning struck its tower Thursday.** Radio 1190 was back on the air July 9 after a severe thunderstorm in the Boulder, Colorado area left the listeners of the University of Colorado at Boulder radio station in silence for almost 2 days. The station's tower — KVCU 1190 AM Boulder — was struck by lightning July 7, which is not unusual, the student general manager said. After a failed attempt at resetting the system, the station was off the air for all of July 8, and early July 9. Its online streaming broadcast at Radio1190.org also resumed. It went down after the storm killed power at University Memorial Center, where Radio 1190's studios are located. Source: http://www.dailycamera.com/news/ci_18447268

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Commercial Facilities Sector

49. *July 12, WCBS 2 New York* – (New York) **Cause of Upper East Side synagogue fire under investigation.** The cause of a fire that tore through a century-old Manhattan, New York synagogue July 11 remained a mystery July 12. Flames shot out of the top floor of the Kehilath Jeshurun Synagogue on the Upper East Side at 8:30 p.m. That is where fire marshals believe the fire started. The synagogue was undergoing renovations that were due to be completed in time for the Holy Days in September. The fire spread to four alarms before it was brought under control, and not before doing great damage to the building. "The majority of the roof has collapsed," a New York City Fire Department chief said. "We have structural concerns of the building at this present time." The synagogue was empty at the time of the fire. Source: <http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2011/07/12/cause-of-upper-east-side-synagogue-fire-under-investigation/>
50. *July 12, Wausau Daily Herald* – (Wisconsin) **Explosion rocks Marshfield DoorSystems; damage estimated at more than \$3 million.** An explosion July 11 at Marshfield DoorSystems in Marshfield, Wisconsin, caused more than \$3 million in damages, early estimates indicate. The plant was closed as the cause of the explosion remains under investigation by state and local officials. A number of buildings at the plant sustained structural damage, the Marshfield Fire and Rescue Department chief said. The explosion was felt at the fire station, about a half-mile away, and there were

reports of broken windows north of the plant. A home south of the plant also sustained damage estimated at \$3,000, according to Marshfield Police Department reports. A large, steam-pressurized metal tank, about 6 feet by 40 feet, exploded at 3:18 a.m., tossing an employee against a wall. The worker was not seriously injured, officials said. The plant was between shifts at the time, and without that break, officials said there probably would have been additional injuries. Thunderstorms and lightning were moving through the area at the time of the explosion, but investigators do not yet know whether the weather played a role in it. No fire resulted from the blast.

Source:

<http://www.wausaudailyherald.com/article/20110712/WDH0101/107120418/Explosion-rocks-Marshfield-DoorSystems-damage-estimated-more-than-3-million>

51. *July 12, Associated Press* – (Arizona) **Fan nearly falls from stands during Derby.** A man and his friends had already caught three balls during Major League Baseball's Home Run Derby July 11 during All-Star game festivities at Chase Field baseball stadium in Phoenix, Arizona, and wanted more. He nearly got a lot more: a headfirst fall to a pool deck about 20 feet below. Chasing a home run hit by a Milwaukee Brewer baseball player, the man was saved from a long fall when his brother and a friend grabbed him around the legs and arms, then pulled him back as he dangled above the deck area behind the pool in right field. His near miss came the same day as the memorial service for the 39-year-old fan who died July 7 while trying to catch a ball thrown into the stands at a Texas Rangers home game in Arlington, Texas.

Source: <http://msn.foxsports.com/mlb/story/Fan-nearly-falls-from-stands-during-Home-Run-Derby-071111>

52. *July 12, KHOU 11 Houston* – (National) **Safety consultant wants higher railings at ballparks after fatal fall.** The Texas Rangers Major League baseball team will meet with architects of the Rangers Ballpark in Arlington, Texas, the week of July 11 to discuss what can possibly be done to prevent dangerous falls such as the one that killed a firefighter the week of July 4. The 39-year-old man was killed after attempting to catch a ball at the ballpark and then falling over the railing and onto his head 20 feet below. Contractors and the City of Arlington have already been out to look at the railings in the outfield. While the railing at the ballpark is already above industry standards, some wonder if that standard is good enough. Most major league ballparks across the country follow the International Building Code. The minimum height for railings at the bottom of aisles is 42 inches. In front of fixed seating, the requirement drops to 26 inches, which is about knee height. A Maryland safety consultant said that's entirely too low. "Clearly the railings that are typically installed in the front of the seating stands are not designed to prevent fans from falling over them," said the consultant, who has been pushing for stricter safety codes at U.S. stadiums and arenas. He said he wants railings in front of the stands to be raised from a minimum 26 inches to 42 inches. "It's a bad situation where you have crowds, particularly crowds trying to do something that the railing was never designed to protect against," the consultant said. Since the new Busch Stadium opened in St. Louis, Missouri, 5 years ago, two people have fallen from the stands. When it opened, fans complained of compromised sight lines, which prompted the Cardinals to lower upper deck railing heights. Now, fans are voicing opposite concerns claiming railings are too low. At the Angels

Stadium in Anaheim, California, rails blocking fans' views must be at least 34 inches, but they're also required to have a 3-foot wide horizontal ledge that can support the weight of a fan who falls. "You could provide a shelf or something below the railing, so if somebody does go over, they would be caught in that shelf area," the consultant said. "So, they wouldn't fall 15 to 20 feet and be hurt very seriously." The safety consultant said falls will occur at least once in the lifetime of any stadium. In Arlington, there have been two in the last year, which he said is why safety changes are needed now.

Source: <http://www.khou.com/sports/baseball/Safety-consultant-wants-higher-railings-at-ballparks-after-fatal-fall-125419543.html>

53. *July 11, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **Parents charged after youth baseball brawl.** Police charged three parents with third-degree assault and disorderly conduct after a brawl during a youth baseball tournament put a player in a hospital, a Castle Rock, Colorado city official said July 11. The fight involved at least six adults during a game for 12-year-olds, and police were still trying to sort out what triggered the brawl and who was involved, KUSA 9 Denver reported. The defendants insisted they were trying to protect their children from attack. Castle Rock is about 30 miles south of Denver.
Source: http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/43715655/ns/us_news-crime_and_courts/?GT1=43001
54. *July 11, Miami Herald* – (Florida) **Strange odor, mysterious notes lead to N. Miami apartment evacuation.** Police and firemen evacuated a block of apartments in Miami, Florida, late July 11 when they discovered an apartment filled with a mysterious smell and cryptic, possibly threatening notes. When a hazmat team entered the fourth-floor apartment at 1475 NE 125th Terrace, they encountered a strong odor similar to gasoline fumes. The smell, which was noticeable from outside the apartment, appeared to come from containers filled with an unknown chemical. Responders also discovered a bedroom door covered with notes in English, Spanish, and Creole. The notes warned that "whoever entered the apartment was going to meet Jesus," a Miami-Dade police spokesman said. Fearful that a spark could set the apartment aflame, responders evacuated 14 nearby apartments. They also called in a bomb squad. The team ultimately determined that the chemicals were not explosive.
Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2011/07/11/2310175/strange-odor-mysterious-notes.html>
55. *July 11, Larchmont-Mamaroneck Patch* – (New York) **Smoke condition forces evacuation at office complex on Mamaroneck Avenue.** A 5-story office building on Mamaroneck Avenue in Harrison, New York was evacuated July 11 after two of the building's three underground electrical feeders caught fire. The fire began around 12:30 p.m. The building's feeders are located under Mamaroneck Avenue. Smoke extended from the fire into the complex. The feeders burned until about 2 p.m. No one was injured and all occupants of the building, which houses several businesses, were evacuated. A portion of Mamaroneck Avenue northbound was closed in front of the building for about an hour while firefighters and Con Edison workers evaluated the scene. Both lanes were open again by 3 p.m. A medical group performs about 12 upper

or lower endoscopies a day. When the alarm sounded a doctor said there were patients under mild anesthesia who had to be awakened. A fire official said it is too early to determine the cause of the fire, but that it is likely heat-related. The offices remained evacuated for the remainder of the day while smoke cleared.

Source: <http://larchmont.patch.com/articles/fire-forces-evacuation-at-office-complex-on-mamaroneck-avenue>

56. *July 11, Montclair Patch* – (New Jersey) **Watsessing Park evacuated after grenades found.** Bloomfield, New Jersey’s Watsessing Park was evacuated July 11 after a woman called police to report finding three grenades. The grenades later turned out to be practice grenades, the Bloomfield police chief said. The grenades are used during training exercises. According to an Essex County Sheriff’s Department spokesman, the anonymous woman called Bloomfield police around 3:30 p.m., and police evacuated the park as a precaution. The spokesman said the practice grenades were found in the grass at the park. He said the grenades were inert and “how they got there, we don’t know.” Officials from the sheriff’s department and Essex County Bomb Squad also responded. Authorities said the park was safely evacuated, and that police would investigate to figure out how the grenades got there. The park was re-opened around 4:20 p.m.

Source: <http://montclair.patch.com/articles/watsessing-park-evacuated-after-grenades-found-2>

57. *July 11, WFAA 8 Dallas* – (Texas) **Riders stuck on Texas Giant coaster at Six Flags.** Riders on the Texas Giant had to hike down the lift hill at Six Flags Over Texas in Arlington, Texas, July 10 after the roller coaster stopped just short of the top. That first drop is 14 stories up in the air. No injuries were reported as Six Flags staffers escorted riders safely back to ground level. It was the second time in 3 days that the ride had to be shut down. On July 10, the Texas Giant's operator halted the coaster after hearing a troubling noise. Nearly two dozen fun-seekers then sat 14-stories high for about 30 minutes, according to witnesses. The ride was reopened later in the afternoon, but the cars involved in the incident were pulled from service for further examination. On July 8, the roller coaster was also shut down as a precaution, and riders had to be escorted from the summit. Six Flags blamed a computer error message for that incident.

Source: http://www.wfaa.com/news/local/Texas-Giant-coaster-gets-stuck-at-Six-Flags-125302468.html?hpt=us_bn5

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

58. *July 12, NewsCore* – (Maryland; National) **Presidential historian charged with trying to steal rare documents from Maryland museum.** A 63-year-old presidential historian from New York City, New York, was held without bail July 12 after being accused of stealing documents worth millions of dollars from the Maryland Historical Society, including some signed by the 16th President of the United States. The suspect

is considered one of the foremost collectors of presidential memorabilia and artifacts. Police said he and a 24-year-old man from New York City attended a reviewing of historical papers at the museum in Baltimore, Maryland, July 9 where they attempted to steal a number of documents, the Baltimore Sun reported. The 24-year-old man was seen taking one of the documents and, after being confronted outside the building, police retrieved a locker key from him, investigators said. Inside the locker, police found the documents — which included presidential inaugural ball invitations and programs, a commemoration of the Statue of Liberty, and a commemoration of the Washington Monument — inside a black laptop case. Four of the recovered documents — of which there were 60 — have various values of between \$100,000 and \$500,000. The men were charged with theft of more than \$100,000, and were ordered held by a judge July 11 in Baltimore, Maryland. The FBI is investigating the matter.
Source: <http://www.myfoxdc.com/dpp/news/presidential-historian-charged-with-trying-to-steal-rare-documents-from-maryland-museum-nexdc-071211>

59. *July 12, New York Times* – (West Virginia) **Fracking water killed trees, study finds.** A recent study found a patch of land within the Monongahela National Forest in West Virginia suffered a quick and serious loss of vegetation after it was sprayed with hydraulic fracturing fluids. The fluids are used by energy firms when to break rock up to extract oil and natural gas. The study, by researchers from the U.S. Forest Service, was published July 2011 in the Journal of Environmental Quality. It said that 2 years after liquids were legally spread on a section of the Fernow Experimental Forest, more than half of the trees in the affected area were dead. Tree leaves turned brown, wilted, and dropped; 56 percent of about 150 trees eventually died. The researchers said the disposal section was less than half an acre in size “to minimize the area of forest potentially affected by the fluid application.” About 75,000 gallons were applied over 2 days in June 2008. The exact composition of the fluids was not disclosed by the companies that manufactured them because the information is considered proprietary, the study noted, but the main constituents appeared to be sodium and calcium chlorides because of their high concentrations on the surface soil. Researchers said that studying ways to provide more protection to vegetation when drilling waste water is disposed of, and developing a standard on doses of the waste water, should be “a high priority.”
Source: <http://green.blogs.nytimes.com/2011/07/12/fracking-water-killed-trees-study-finds/>
60. *July 11, Wilmington Star-News* – (North Carolina) **Flare-ups continue in Pender County wildfire.** Flare-ups in the wildfire in Pender County, North Carolina, continued July 11 as hot and dry conditions increased ground-fire activity, forestry officials said. The blaze in the Holly Shelter Game Land has burned more than 31,000 acres since it started June 19 because of lightning. Firefighters have it 78-percent contained, according to the North Carolina Forest Service. Containment lines were widened July 11, and crews patrolled and watered down hotspots along New and Lodge roads to try and keep the fire from hopping over the breaks. Forestry officials used infrared images to determine where the fire was burning hottest July 11. They said smoke might persist for the rest of the summer unless there is continuous and abundant rain.
Source:

<http://www.starnewsonline.com/article/20110711/ARTICLES/110719947/1004/sitemaps04?tc=ar>

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Dams Sector

61. *July 12, Mitchell Daily Republic* – (South Dakota) **Missouri levels stabilizing, drop expected soon.** High waters continued on the Missouri River July 12, but the levels were more stable as reservoirs began to level off. Lake Sharpe above Big Bend Dam in South Dakota, was at its normal operating level of 1,420.5 feet mean sea level, the chief of the Missouri River Basin Water Management office said July 11. The reservoir above Fort Randall in South Dakota, remained at 1,374 feet, nearly 2 feet higher than the record pool elevation of 1,372.2 feet in 1997; the dam release continued at 157,000 cubic feet per second. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officials met July 11 to discuss the predicted drop in elevation of Lake Francis Case, also in South Dakota, over the next 3 weeks. The forecast said the reservoir will drop 3 feet per week.
Source: <http://www.mitchellrepublic.com/event/article/id/54641/group/homepage/>
62. *July 12, The Bismark Tribune* – (North Dakota) **Dam releases to fall today.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers lowered water releases from Garrison Dam in North Dakota, by 5,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) July 12. How the height of the Missouri River will react is uncertain. The Corps said it will bring the release rate from 140,000 cfs to 135,000 cfs July 12, and to 130,000 cfs July 14. It will continue to lower the level by increments of 5,000 cfs and reach 105,000 cfs by August 4, according to its latest schedule found online. The river was at 19.09 feet at 4:30 p.m. July 11. The National Weather Service projected it will fall to 18.5 feet by July 16. The river did not follow similar predictions when releases were lowered previously. The river at Bismarck, North Dakota, had not reached flows above 65,000 cfs since the construction of Garrison Dam.
Source: http://www.bismarcktribune.com/news/local/article_56442af0-ac11-11e0-a088-001cc4c002e0.html
63. *July 11, KERO 23 Bakersfield* – (California) **Water being released from Isabella Dam affecting safety downstream.** Water levels at Lake Isabella, California, exceeded what is considered safe by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the month of July, which resulted in larger than normal water releases to the Kern River. The amount of water released is expected to start slowing, but that does not mean the threat of flooding is over. The unusual behavior of the river is largely to blame for the rescues that happened every weekend the past 7 weeks. The Corps imposed a restriction on the amount of water that could safely be in the dam in 2006. "(It had) to do with potential failure modes that were evaluated," the chief of water management for the Corps said. "It is about 20 feet below the actual storage capacity of the reservoir." Since the restriction was put in place, there has never been a water level issue until 2011. The Corps said July 11 that the amount of water being released from the dam is expected to start decreasing within a few days.
Source: <http://www.turnto23.com/mountain/28515827/detail.html>

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