



# Homeland Security

## Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 15 July 2011

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- A Nuclear Regulatory Commission task force recommended tightened regulations and sweeping safety upgrades for the nation's 104 nuclear reactors, the Washington Post reports. (See item [11](#))
- According to Stars and Stripes, more than a fifth of U.S. Navy ships fell short of combat readiness in the past 2 years, and fewer than half of the service's deployed combat aircraft are ready for their mission at any given time, the chairman of a House Armed Services subcommittee said. (See item [14](#))

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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 14, KSLA 12 Shreveport* – (Louisiana) **Power restored across Shreveport.** All Shreveport SWEPCO customers had power restored by early July 14, after a major outage left 17,000 customers in the dark in the south and southwest area of Shreveport, Louisiana. According to SWEPCO, the initial outage that occurred about 2:41 p.m. July 13 was caused by two problems: a mylar balloon hit a power line knocking out power

at an entire substation, and while trying to restore power, another substation became overloaded and a piece of equipment malfunctioned. According to a spokesman, the overload caused another circuit to collapse around 9 p.m. July 13 because of the overload during the power restoration efforts. He said the hot weather conditions also played a major role in the inability of the circuits to hold.

Source: <http://www.ksla.com/story/15076959/substation-malfunction-source-of-ssw-shreveport-power-outage>

2. *July 14, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* – (National) **Study links birth defects to mountaintop mining.** Birth defect rates are significantly higher in and around central Appalachian areas where there is mountaintop removal coal mining, according to a recent study environmentalists said provides new reasons to curb the controversial mining practice. The study, co-authored by a West Virginia University professor, reviewed National Center for Health Statistics birth defect records from 1996 through 2003, and suggests links between mountaintop mining and elevated rates for six of seven types of birth defects that were studied in four states where mountaintop removal mining is done. The study found the “rates for any anomaly [birth defect] were approximately 235 per 10,000 live births in the mountaintop mining area versus 144 per 10,000 live births in the non-mining area.” Circulatory/respiratory birth defects in mountaintop mining areas were found to occur in 41 of 10,000 live births, compared to an incidence of 15.3 per 10,000 live births in non-mining areas, and 20 per 10,000 live births in mining areas not using mountaintop removal techniques. The links are stronger, especially for circulatory/respiratory and urinary and genital system defects, in the more recent study time period, 2000-03, when there was more mountaintop mining activity.  
Source: <http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/11195/1160323-455-0.stm?cmpid=healthscience.xml>
3. *July 13, Sterling Journal-Advocate* – (Colorado) **OSHA fines Fort Morgan company.** The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has cited Delta Oilfield Tank Co. LLC at Fort Morgan, Colorado, with 13 serious and 2 repeat violations for safety and health hazards following an inspection at the company’s oil field products manufacturing facility. Proposed penalties total \$52,760. The serious violations involve exposing employees to hazards associated with improper confined space entry procedures; lack of appropriate eye protection; not training workers on hazardous chemicals; improper use of lifting equipment; lack of proper training for fork truck use; failure to conduct regular inspections of overhead cranes; using an improper fall protection system; and failure to label electrical circuit panels. A serious violation occurs when there is substantial probability that death or serious physical harm could result from a hazard about which the employer knew or should have known.  
Source: [http://www.fortmorgantimes.com/ci\\_18468860](http://www.fortmorgantimes.com/ci_18468860)
4. *July 13, Colorado Independent* – (Colorado) **Report: Toxic chemicals found near Colo., N.M. gas drilling sites.** At least 22 toxic chemicals, including four known human carcinogens, were found in nine separate air samples taken near natural gas drilling operations by community advocacy and environmental groups in Garfield and

La Plata counties in Colorado, and the San Juan Basin of New Mexico, according to a new report from Global Community Monitor. Entitled “GASSED! Citizen Investigation of Natural Gas Development,” the report details how the air samples, taken near homes, playgrounds, schools, and community centers, were analyzed by a certified lab. As part of the air-quality study, neighbors of natural gas drilling operations were asked to record various chemical odors, sample the air quality, and appeal to various regulators to investigate complaints. Chemicals detected in the nine air samples collected for the Global Community Monitor were found to range from 3 times to 3,000 times higher than what is considered safe by state and federal agencies. Source: <http://www.americanindependent.com/193542/report-toxic-chemicals-found-near-colo-n-m-gas-drilling-sites>

5. *July 12, Associated Press* – (West Virginia) **Thousands remain without power in W.Va. after storms.** More than 26,000 customers remained without electricity in West Virginia the morning of July 12, following severe storms that hit the state the night of July 11. Appalachian Power stated on their Web site, that more than 14,800 customers were without electricity as of July 12. Allegheny Energy said more than 11,900 customers remained without power. Source: <http://www.herald-dispatch.com/news/briefs/x425864528/Thousands-remains-with-power-in-W-Va-after-storms>

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## **Chemical Industry Sector**

6. *July 14, Associated Press* – (Utah) **State announces new pesticide rules.** The Utah Department of Agriculture and Food said July 13 it has made changes to the state’s pesticide rules. The agency said Utah’s 1,020 commercial pesticide companies and more than 4,700 commercial and non-commercial pesticide applicators will soon be receiving notices of the changes. The agency said the move is designed to clarify the intent of Utah’s pesticide laws, tighten accountability in case of violations, and offer consumers increased protection. Utah’s pesticide program manager said the recent growth in the pest management and lawn care industry, and a number of recent violations led to the action. Under the new rules, companies must train pesticide applicators to follow label instructions, and keep records. Both the applicator and company will also now share liability for pesticide violations. Source: <http://www.beaumontenterprise.com/news/article/State-announces-new-pesticide-rules-1465641.php>
7. *July 14, Orangeburg Times and Democrat* – (South Carolina) **Lightning starts chemical fire at cement plant.** Emergency workers scrambled to get to the Holcim cement plant in Holly Hill, South Carolina, July 13 after lightning ignited fumes in a rail tanker being emptied of fuel. Plant employees were able to extinguish the fire within a half hour, the facility manager said. He said no one was injured in the incident, and that the tanker’s contents did not spill. He noted no equipment was damaged and

that the plant would continue to operate normally. “Their safety team did everything they should have to contain it,” the Orangeburg County Emergency Services director said. Employees had emptied fuel from some tankers and were in the process of unloading another, when lightning ignited vapors. There were about 1,000 gallons of a mixture of waste fuels left in the tanker when it caught fire. Employees of Geocycle, a Holcim company that works at the plant, fought the fire. “We have a water cannon system with foam,” the facility manager said. Afterward, area emergency and fire teams stayed on the scene to ensure the fire did not reignite. The county’s hazmat team closed off the tanker and filled it with nitrogen to prevent re-ignition. The facility manager said the incident has been reported to the Mine Safety and Health Administration, and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. The Holcim plant burns a number of fuels, including coal and the waste fuel mixture in the cement-making process.

Source: [http://www.thetandd.com/news/article\\_8cffdb0a-adda-11e0-a064-001cc4c03286.html](http://www.thetandd.com/news/article_8cffdb0a-adda-11e0-a064-001cc4c03286.html)

8. *July 13, United Press International* – (National) **EPA proposes oxide pollution standards.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has proposed new secondary air quality standards to protect the environment from nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), and sulfur oxides (SO<sub>x</sub>). The proposal, issued after a careful review of the best available science, builds on EPA efforts already under way to reduce NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub> emissions, the agency said in a July 13 news release. Nitrogen oxides are emitted from an array of sources, including vehicles, power plants, off-road equipment, and agricultural sources, while sulfur oxides are emitted from fossil fuel combustion by power plants, large industries, mobile sources, and from some industrial processes, the agency said. The EPA has taken many steps to reduce NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub> emissions, including the recently announced Cross-State Air Pollution Rule. To ensure any updated standard is effective, the agency said, it will conduct a field pilot program to collect and analyze additional data. The EPA said it would accept comments for 60 days after the proposed rule is published in the Federal Register, and would issue a final rule by March 2012.

Source: [http://www.upi.com/Science\\_News/2011/07/13/EPA-proposes-oxide-pollution-standards/UPI-16801310591553/](http://www.upi.com/Science_News/2011/07/13/EPA-proposes-oxide-pollution-standards/UPI-16801310591553/)

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

9. *July 14, London Daily Telegraph* – (International) **Germany’s nuclear abandonment called into question.** The German Federal Network Agency, the body responsible for power supply, warned Germany could face power shortages come the winter unless there is sufficient power generating capacity in reserve, the London Daily Telegraph reported July 14. In the wake of the nuclear disaster in Japan that began in March after an earthquake and tsunami, Germany shut down 7 aging reactors and committed itself to phasing out all of its 17 reactors by 2022, in a move that would make it the first

major industrial power to turn its back on nuclear energy. However, the head of the network agency said one of the plants now closed may have to be brought back on line. “The numbers that we currently have indicate that one of these nuclear energy plants will be needed,” he said while giving details on a government-commissioned report into energy supply. But he noted this would only be a “temporary solution.” The news comes as an embarrassment to the German government, as well as cast fresh doubts over the country’s ability to replace the 23 percent of energy production currently accounted for by atomic power with renewable energy, and greater efficiency.  
Source: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/earth/energy/nuclearpower/8637625/Germans-nuclear-abandonment-called-into-question.html>

10. *July 14, Government Security News* – (International) **U.S., Russia to move ahead on plutonium disposal agreement.** The United States and Russia moved ahead with plans to dispose of 34 metric tons of plutonium — enough to create more than 10,000 nuclear weapons. The U.S. Secretary of State and Russian foreign minister formally announced July 13 they would officially move ahead on a Plutonium Management and Disposition Agreement (PMDA) in a ceremony at the U.S. State Department in Washington, D.C. The PMDA reaffirms the commitment for each country to dispose of no less than 34 metric tons of surplus, weapons-grade plutonium by using it in nuclear power plants as mixed oxide fuel, said a July 13 statement by the National Nuclear Security Administration.  
Source: [http://www.gsnmagazine.com/node/23912?c=federal\\_agencies\\_legislative](http://www.gsnmagazine.com/node/23912?c=federal_agencies_legislative)
11. *July 13, Washington Post* – (National) **Tighter U.S. nuclear safety rules proposed.** Calling existing nuclear safety rules a “patchwork,” a Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) task force recommended tightened regulations and sweeping safety upgrades for the nation’s 104 nuclear reactors in a report July 13. If enacted, the proposed measures would constitute the biggest safety reforms for the industry since the NRC upgraded its rules after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. The recommendations are the result of a 90-day assessment of the disaster at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant in Japan. The report highlights several of the proposed rules: a requirement that nuclear power companies evaluate earthquake and flood hazards every 10 years and follow up with mitigation of any risks uncovered, more extensive disaster training for severe accidents, and enhanced plans and equipment to deal with a 72-hour loss of reactor cooling power. The spent fuel pools that store tons of still-radioactive fuel at many U.S. nuclear plants also drew the task force’s attention. It said U.S. nuclear plant operators should upgrade their pool monitoring and provide for emergency water pumping in case of emergency. The five NRC commissioners will discuss the report at a July 19 meeting. But a NRC spokesman cautioned there will be no immediate action. Many of the proposed rules — even if agreed upon by the commissioners — will require public input and formal federal rulemaking. The NRC continues to monitor Fukushima, and the task force will make additional, more detailed safety recommendations in another 3 months.  
Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/tighter-us-nuclear-safety-rules-proposed/2011/07/13/gIQA5WtwCI\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/tighter-us-nuclear-safety-rules-proposed/2011/07/13/gIQA5WtwCI_story.html)

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## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

12. *July 13, Associated Press* – (National) **Chrysler recalls 242,000 Ram pickup trucks.** Chrysler has recalled nearly 250,000 Ram pickups because a bad part in the steering system can cause drivers to lose control of the truck, the Associated Press reported July 13. The Ram is Chrysler’s top-selling vehicle. The recall covers 242,780 Ram 1500, 2500, and 3500 pickups from the 2008 to 2011 model years. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said July 13 on its Web site that a part near the left front wheel can fracture, and potentially cause crashes. The problem happens mainly at low speeds when drivers are making tight turns. Chrysler said drivers have reported a few minor crashes, and one minor injury. Affected models include 2008-2011 Ram 2500 and 3500 4-wheel-drive pickups and 2008-2011 Ram 3500 2-wheel-drive chassis cabs made from February 14, 2008 through March 28 2011. Also affected are 2008 Ram 1500 mega cab 4-wheel-drive models made from February 14, 2008 through August 15, 2008. Also, Ram 2500 and 3500 trucks made from the 2003 through 2008 model years could be recalled if the same part was replaced by mechanics during regular service. Chrysler dealers will inspect trucks and replace the left outer tie rod and align the wheels for free, if needed.

Source: [http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2011/07/13/business/AP-US-Chrysler-Pickup-Recall.html?\\_r=3&ref=business](http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2011/07/13/business/AP-US-Chrysler-Pickup-Recall.html?_r=3&ref=business)

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

13. *July 14, U.S. Department of Defense* – (International) **DOD announces first strategy for operating in cyberspace.** The Department of Defense (DOD) released the DOD Strategy for Operating in Cyberspace July 14. It is the first DOD unified strategy for cyberspace and officially encapsulates a new way forward for DOD’s military, intelligence, and business operations. Reliable access to cyberspace is critical to U.S. national security, public safety, and economic well-being. Cyber threats continue to grow in scope and severity on a daily basis. More than 60,000 new malicious software programs or variations are identified every day threatening the security, economy, and citizens of the United States. “The cyber threats we face are urgent, sometimes uncertain and potentially devastating as adversaries constantly search for vulnerabilities,” the Deputy Secretary of Defense said. “Our infrastructure, logistics network and business systems are heavily computerized. With 15,000 networks and more than 7 million computing devices, DOD continues to be a target in cyberspace for malicious activity.” The DOD and other governmental agencies have taken steps to anticipate, mitigate, and deter these threats. DOD deepened and strengthened coordination with DHS to secure critical networks as evidenced by the recent DOD-

DHS Memorandum of Agreement. “Strong partnerships with other U.S. government departments and agencies, the private sector and foreign nations are crucial,” the Deputy said. “Our success in cyberspace depends on a robust public/private partnership. The defense of the military will matter little unless our civilian critical infrastructure is also able to withstand attacks.”

Source: <http://www.defense.gov/releases/release.aspx?releaseid=14651>

14. *July 14, Stars and Stripes* – (International) **Navy facing ‘alarming’ deficiencies in combat readiness, lawmaker says.** More than a fifth of U.S. Navy ships fell short of combat readiness in the past 2 years, and fewer than half of the service’s deployed combat aircraft are ready for their mission at any given time, according to the chairman of a the House Armed Services readiness subcommittee. With an ascendant threats at sea, and a potential \$400 billion in Defense Department budget cuts over the next decade, the Navy is facing “glaring deficiencies that are nothing short of alarming,” the ranking member of the panel said at a hearing the week of July 11. The Navy’s deployed ships spend nearly 40 percent of their time under way with at least one major equipment or system failure, according to the chairman. Citing the Pentagon’s quarterly defense review submitted to Congress, the chairman said the fleet is suffering a nearly 16 percent backlog for aircraft and engines, fewer available spare parts, and more than \$815 million in unfunded maintenance requirements.

Source: <http://www.stripes.com/news/navy-facing-alarming-deficiencies-in-combat-readiness-lawmaker-says-1.149178>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

15. *July 13, Shelby Township Advisor & Source* – (Michigan) **Sterling Heights police search for men who carjacked armored van.** The FBI and Sterling Heights, Michigan police were searching for two suspects accused of carjacking an armored vehicle July 8, and stealing thousands of dollars in cash, the Shelby Township Advisor & Source reported July 13. According to police, the robbery occurred around 9:20 a.m. in the parking lot of the Michigan Department of Treasury Building located at 41300 Dequindre Road in Sterling Heights. “The vehicle pulled up to the building and it was approached by two black males, one pointing a gun at the occupants,” the Sterling Heights police chief said. “They ordered the driver and passenger out, and stole the vehicle.” The employee got out, and the robbers drove away with the armored car. There were no injuries. The vehicle was found 1 hour later in a church parking lot on 18 Mile Road in Troy. Police said it is from Detroit security company Total Armor.

Source:

<http://www.sourcenewspapers.com/articles/2011/07/13/news/doc4e1daff7b82da995891890.txt>

16. *July 13, Kansas City Business Journal* – (Missouri) **Five plead guilty in \$11M mortgage fraud scheme in Kansas City area.** Five co-defendants pleaded guilty July 12 in federal court related to an \$11 million mortgage fraud scheme involving upscale Kansas City, Missouri-area homes. Each of the five defendants could face 5 years in

federal prison without parole, a fine of \$250,000, and a restitution order. Sentencing has not been scheduled. The scheme, which involved homes in cities such as Lee's Summit, Blue Springs, Liberty, and Parkville, lasted from early 2005 until August 2006, bringing in inflated mortgage loans totaling more than \$11.09 million through use of fraudulent loan applications, and supporting documents. Buyers got about \$2 million in kickbacks without lenders' knowledge, according to a release from a U.S. attorney for the Western District of Missouri. Fake invoices were used to cover up the kickbacks. One of the mortgage broker's got \$6.8 million in fraudulent loans for 10 properties, gaining fees and \$50,336 in kickbacks. Another broker was involved in the purchase of eight properties, for which mortgage lenders approved about \$5.1 million in loans that resulted in a loss of about \$2.3 million. That broker's business, Carole Colson Real Estate LLC, got \$165,776 in commissions.

Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/kansascity/news/2011/07/13/five-plead-guilty-in-11m-mortgage.html>

17. *July 13, Wall Street Journal* – (North Carolina) **N.C. man to pay \$2 mln commodity scam settlement.** A North Carolina resident will pay more than \$2 million to settle charges he fraudulently solicited more than \$3 million from investors in a commodity futures Ponzi scheme, according to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC). The commission said the Charlotte, North Carolina man must pay \$1.5 million in restitution to pool participants and a \$500,000 civil penalty. He also is banned from any commodity-trading-related activity. He neither admitted nor denied the allegations, according to the CFTC. The commission alleged the man, from at least 2001 through 2008, used funds from 22 individual investors to trade options in a commodity pool, though he never had registered with the CFTC. He was accused of misrepresenting his past trading performance, misappropriating at least \$1.5 million of the funds for personal use, and using participants funds to pay other investors. He also was accused of issuing misleading statements to investors to conceal trading losses.

Source: <http://www.marketwatch.com/story/nc-man-to-pay-2-mln-commodity-scam-settlement-2011-07-13>

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## **Transportation Sector**

18. *July 14, Associated Press* – (Alabama) **Explosive simulators found on Ala. highway ramp.** In Riverside, Alabama, a westbound onramp to Interstate Highway 20 was closed and traffic was diverted after authorities found military explosive simulators. Police said the three devices were found July 13 by a motorist who pulled over because of car problems. The Riverside police chief said he and an officer found the devices in a bag sitting upright. The chief said there were two round white cylinders, and one gray cylinder with a fuse taped on the outside. He said he called to summon bomb squads. The Jefferson County Sheriff's Department bomb squad used a robot to identify the devices, remove, and dispose of them. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives will attempt to track down where the devices originated.



Source: <http://www.stamfordadvocate.com/news/article/Explosive-simulators-found-on-Ala-highway-ramp-1465795.php>

19. *July 14, Salt Lake Tribune* – (Utah) **Duchesne County road collapse kills teen, injures others.** A teenage girl was killed, and her father and another woman injured in July 13 accidents triggered by the collapse of a water-logged rural eastern Utah road, the Utah Highway Patrol (UHP) said July 14. A UHP corporal said heavy rainfall and a clogged culvert were thought to have triggered the 11:30 p.m. collapse of State Road 35, between state roads 208 and 87 near they town of Tabiona. He said a series of thunderstorms apparently overwhelmed a debris-compromised culvert running under SR-35 near milepost 46, eventually undermining the road. A section of the roadway 40 feet wide and 30 to 40 feet deep gave way. A Ford Excursion SUV plunged into the gap. A man survived in serious-to-critical condition, and was taken by medical helicopter to a Salt Lake City hospital the morning of July 14, but his 15-year-old daughter died from her injuries. A second vehicle, a Honda Element, plunged into the hole shortly thereafter, landing upside down. Its driver was extricated by rescue workers and taken to a local hospital, then was stabilized and flown to a Salt Lake City hospital. Damage to the road — known as Wolf Creek Pass — also impacted a fiber-optics communications line, affecting services in the area. The Utah Department of Transportation said it would take up to 2 weeks to repair and reopen SR-35. Traffic was being diverted to U.S. Highway 40.

Source: <http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/52188517-78/utah-flood-risks-climb.html.csp>

20. *July 13, Baltimore Sun* – (Maryland) **13 knives found in BWI passenger’s luggage.** A Transportation Security Administration (TSA) officer discovered 13 knives in the carry-on luggage of a passenger attempting to board a flight at Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport in Glen Burnie, Maryland the week of July 4, leading to the man’s arrest. A TSA spokesman said the passenger attempted to pass through a checkpoint at BWI’s Pier D the afternoon of July 7 when an officer operating an X-ray machine noticed something suspicious. The spokesman said a luggage search found 13 knives of differing shapes and sizes. They included “a lot” of spring-operated knives, and a butterfly knife. The passenger was taken into custody by Maryland Transportation Authority Police on state charges. A police spokesman did not have information about exact charges July 13. He said that, nationwide, the TSA typically detects two passengers a day trying to board planes with weapons.

Source: [http://articles.baltimoresun.com/2011-07-13/news/bs-md-airport-knives-20110713\\_1\\_luggage-search-knives-security-officers](http://articles.baltimoresun.com/2011-07-13/news/bs-md-airport-knives-20110713_1_luggage-search-knives-security-officers)

21. *July 13, WTRK 13 Houston* – (Texas) **Chemical release, fire inside container at Bayport Terminal.** Clean up is underway after a chemical release and fire at the Bayport Terminal along the Houston Ship Channel in Houston, Texas, July 13. The fire broke out around 4 a.m. inside a shipping container. Somehow, bottles containing two chemicals mixed and ignited. Crews had to let the fire burn out without opening the container. Haz-mat crews spent most of the morning on the scene. Around a dozen people were taken to the hospital to be checked out, most by private vehicles. The fire marshal’s office said they believe all of the workers were treated and released. The

cause of the incident is under investigation.

Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=news/local&id=8247999>

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

22. *July 13, WUSA 9 District of Columbia* – (Maryland; Virginia) **Tractor trailer accident on Harry Nice Bridge.** A United Postal Service (UPS) tractor-trailer was in the southbound lanes crossing the Governor Harry W. Nice Memorial Bridge that connects Newburg, Maryland, and Dahlgren, Virginia, when it rolled into the northbound lanes, July 13. The accident shut down the bridge for about 2 hours. A Maryland Transportation Authority Police sergeant said about 4:44 p.m. July 13, a UPS tractor-trailer was in the southbound lanes crossing the bridge when a wind gust from a storm in the area apparently caused the truck to roll into the northbound lanes. The truck ended up on the parapet wall. The official said the truck was pulled upright about 5:40 p.m. It was the only vehicle involved in the accident. The truck driver received minor injuries and did not need to be transported to a hospital. The sergeant said engineers were checking the bridge to make sure there was no structural damage. Shortly after 6 p.m., the sergeant told media sources he expected the bridge to reopen to traffic within the next half hour.

Source: <http://wusa9.com/news/article/158398/188/Tractor-Trailer-Accident-On-Harry-Nice-Bridge>

23. *July 13, WHNT 19 Huntsville* – (Alabama) **Mailboxes vandalized in New Market neighborhood.** Recently, residents of Billy Smith Drive in New Market, Alabama were shocked to find their mailboxes smashed in or set on fire. The destruction took place the week of July 4, and the people living on the small street said they want it to stop. The Madison County sheriff's office is investigating the vandalism.

Source: <http://www.whnt.com/news/whnt-mailboxes-vandalized-in-new-market-neighborhood-20110713,0,3797618.story>

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

24. *July 14, Food Safety News* – (New Mexico) **Drug residues found in New Mexico dairy cows.** Dairy cows sold for slaughter in New Mexico were found to have drug residues, according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). In a June 24 warning letter to Roswell, New Mexico-based 3V Dairy, the FDA said the dairy operation was found, during a May 10-13 inspection, to be in violation of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. After 3V Dairy sold one cow slaughtered on or about last May 26, tissue sample analysis conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) detected the presence of 0.55 parts per million (ppm) for penicillin in the kidney tissue, 0.26 ppm for penicillin in the liver

tissue, and 0.141 ppm of flunixin in the liver tissue. Those results exceed the FDA's established tolerance levels for both medications. Only 0.05 ppm of penicillin in the edible tissues of cattle is allowed by the FDA. The tolerance level for flunixin is 0.125 ppm for liver tissues. A second dairy cow sold at auction on or about November 3 was also subjected to tissue sample analysis after slaughter. FSIS reported its kidney tissue contained 0.08 ppm for penicillin, also above the tolerance level. FDA's Denver district gave the dairy 15 working days to "correct the violations described in this (warning) letter." If the dairy fails to do so, FDA said further regulatory steps might be taken without notice, including product seizures, and/or injunctive actions.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/07/high-drug-residues-found-at-nms-3v-dairy-farm/>

25. *July 13, CNET News* – (International) **Monsanto confirms Anonymous hacking attack.** Agricultural biotech giant Monsanto confirmed July 13 it had been victimized by a hacking attack that the online activist collective Anonymous announced July 12. "Last month, Monsanto experienced a disruption to our Web sites which appeared to be organized by a cyber-group," the director of corporate affairs said in a statement. "In addition, this group also recently published publicly available information on approximately 2,500 individuals involved in the broader global agriculture industry," it indicated. "Contrary to initial media reports, only 10 percent of this publicly available information related to Monsanto's current and former employees. The list also included contact details for media outlets as well as other agricultural companies." The company turned information on the attacks over to the "appropriate authorities," and remains "vigilant in protecting our information systems," the statement added. Anonymous released contact information for about 2,500 people that presumably was snagged July 12 from Monsanto, and said it had attacked the company's Web servers to protest lawsuits the company filed against organic dairy farmers for stating on labels that their products don't contain growth hormones. Monsanto makes genetically engineered seeds, and pesticides.

Source: [http://news.cnet.com/8301-27080\\_3-20079233-245/monsanto-confirms-anonymous-hacking-attack/](http://news.cnet.com/8301-27080_3-20079233-245/monsanto-confirms-anonymous-hacking-attack/)

26. *July 13, New Philadelphia Times-Reporter* – (Ohio) **Valley Farm Meats issues beef recall.** Valley Farm Meats (DBA Strasburg Provision, Inc) of Strasburg, Ohio, announced a voluntary recall July 13 of an unknown amount of beef products that may contain the spinal cord and vertebral column, which are considered specified risk materials (SRM). SRMs must be removed from cattle older than 30 months of age in accordance with federal and state regulations. SRMs are tissues that are known to contain the infective agent in cattle infected with Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy, as well as materials that are closely associated with these potentially infective tissues. The products subject to recall include all beef products slaughtered and processed by or purchased from Valley Farm Meats retail store in Strasburg or purchased from Ed Lind Livestock and Poultry in Medina, Ohio. These products were produced between January 28 and July 5, and offered for sale through July 11. The problem was discovered through routine inspection activities by the Ohio Department of Agriculture's Division of Meat Inspection.

Source: <http://www.timesreporter.com/communities/x401792774/Valley-Farm-Meats-issued-beef-recall>

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## Water Sector

27. *July 14, Summit Daily News* – (Colorado) **Landslide spills debris, sediment into Dillon water supply.** A landslide crashed into Straight Creek near Dillon, Colorado, on U.S. Forest Service land the week of July 4, threatening the town and Dillon Valley’s primary water supply. “The immediate concern: was [the landslide] large enough to where it could deposit enough material to create a blockage on Straight Creek?” the Dillon town manager said. “There was a potential for the build up of water behind a blockage and then a release and there was a potential for damage to property and life safety issues there.” A release of water from behind a landslide dam could damage the Dillon and Dillon Valley diversion plants downstream, which pull water from the creek to be filtered for drinking water. The town and the valley pulled clean drinking water from Lasky Gulch, and will continue for at least a few months while waiting for the sediment from the slide to clear. The town also left an excavator off Interstate 70 near the site of the slide, which will be able to remove a blockage quickly if the slide moves farther into the creek. The towns of Silverthorne and Dillon both have to confront the long-term impacts of the heavy sediment spilled into the water, which, once the creek feeds into the Blue River, could eventually threaten Silverthorne’s fisheries.

Source:

<http://www.summitdaily.com/article/20110714/NEWS/110719910/1078&ParentProfile=1055>

28. *July 14, Salem Today’s Sunbeam* – (New Jersey) **Sodium in Woodstown water prompts changes.** Residents of Woodstown, New Jersey, face a strict list of water restrictions and fines up to \$500 after a water emergency caused by high levels of sodium, Salem Today’s Sunbeam reported July 14. At a recent borough council meeting, officials passed a list of 10 restrictions on water that one councilman said would be in effect until at least June 30, 2012. The high level of sodium in the borough’s water supply is naturally-occurring, according to officials, caused by the county’s close proximity to the salt line of the Delaware River. Some restrictions include not serving water at restaurants unless specifically requested, prohibiting use of water for aesthetic purposes such as fountains, and prohibiting the filling of pools and spas more than once. Residents will not be able to wash their vehicles, and can only water their lawns on certain days of the week depending on their location in the borough. A new water well has been installed that will blend with the current water supply and work to lower sodium levels.

Source:

[http://www.nj.com/salem/index.ssf/2011/07/sodium\\_in\\_woodstown\\_water\\_prom.html](http://www.nj.com/salem/index.ssf/2011/07/sodium_in_woodstown_water_prom.html)

29. *July 13, Port Angeles Peninsula Daily News* – (Washington) **New study pinpoints dioxins in Port Angeles from old pulp mill.** A new study shows the former Rayonier pulp mill contributed significantly to dioxin levels in Port Angeles, Washington, the highest concentrations being near the mill. The report released July 13 by the state department of ecology found traces of the contaminant from the mill in all but 4 of 85 samples taken in fall 2008. It found a “large contribution” of the dioxin in many of the samples originated from the mill. Forty samples were found to exceed the minimal cleanup level of 11 parts per trillion. Without dioxin from the mill, the excessive samples would have totaled 12, the report said. The regional head of the ecology department’s toxics cleanup program said she thinks the presence of the dioxins from the mill is significant enough to warrant cleanup by the company, but when that occurs is to be determined. The ecology department has set a late 2013 deadline for the development of a cleanup plan for the 75-acre site, and 1,325 acres of Port Angeles Harbor. The mill operated for 68 years at the mouth of Ennis Creek before closing in 1997. The dioxin attributed to Rayonier is produced through hog fuel boilers, which the mill used for energy. Other sources include tire burning, herbicide, and general “urban soils.”  
Source: <http://www.peninsuladailynews.com/article/20110714/NEWS/307149989/new-study-pinpoints-dioxins-in-port-angeles-from-old-pulp-mill>
30. *July 13, NBC New York* – (New Jersey) **Water main break in NJ causes water loss to 6 towns.** Authorities in New Jersey said July 13 a water main break shut down part of Route 9W, and caused five communities, Englewood Cliffs, Fort Lee, Palisades Park, Englewood, Leonia, and Tenafly, to suffer from loss of water. Englewood Cliffs police said the 30-inch main broke near Route 9W and Hollywood Avenue, causing closures on Route 9W. Residents in Englewood, east of Grand Avenue and Engle Street, in Tenafly east of Engle Street, and in all of Englewood Cliffs, were told to boil their water until further notice. “The water storage tank that supplies these towns is draining rapidly,” said the general manager of United Water New Jersey. He reported that repairs would likely be completed the morning of July 14.  
Source: <http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/Water-Main-Break-Englewood-Cliffs-New-Jersey-Route-9W-125511488.html>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

31. *July 13, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **Fake bomb found at Erie health center.** Erie police investigated a bomb threat July 13 at the Mental Health Association of Northwestern Pennsylvania in Erie, Pennsylvania. About a dozen employees were evacuated as a bomb squad investigated the object, which the Erie Times-News reports was an electronic device with a butane lighter attached. An employee found it on a picnic table outside the building at about 7:30 a.m. The words “Damage me and I will be avenged” were written on the table next to the bomb hoax. Employees were allowed back in the building at 8:40 a.m. Police are investigating.  
Source: <http://www.pennlive.com/newsflash/index.ssf/story/fake-bomb-found-at-erie-health-center/499a6f1a423a47e4849cb71458a6e8d9>

32. *July 13, U.S. Department of Justice* – (Florida) **Manager of Miami health care agency and registered nurse plead guilty in \$25 million health care fraud scheme.** The manager of a Miami, Florida, health care agency and a registered nurse pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud July 13 for their participation in a \$25 million home health Medicare fraud scheme, announced the Department of Justice, the FBI, and the Department of Health and Human Services. According to court documents, beginning in about January 2006 and continuing until about March 2009, the manager in question taught the owners and operators of ABC Home Health Care how to operate a fraudulent home health agency. She explained the structure of the corrupt scheme, specifically the importance of recruiters, kickbacks, doctors, beneficiaries, and Medicare billing. She negotiated kickback payment rates between patient recruiters and ABC, and distributed the kickback payments to patient recruiters on behalf of ABC. As a recruiter, she paid kickbacks and bribes to beneficiaries in return for those beneficiaries allowing ABC to bill Medicare for services that were medically unnecessary and/or never provided. As a result, Medicare was billed about \$17 million for home health care services that were medically unnecessary and/or were never provided.  
Source: <http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2011/July/11-crm-914.html>
33. *July 13, Yuma Sun* – (Arizona; International) **CDC investigating increase in illnesses in Yuma County.** Health officials from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced July 13 that health officials in Yuma County, Arizona, and San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora, Mexico, have reported an increase in acute diarrheal illnesses caused by campylobacter infections and cases of Guillain-Barre' Syndrome (GBS) over the past 3 months. The recent increase of the rare nervous system disorder that can lead to paralysis has led the CDC to send agents to Yuma to investigate. As of July, there have been six confirmed cases and one pending case of GBS in Yuma County, said the director of the Yuma County Health District. In a normal year, there are typically three to four cases. The CDC confirmed the increase in GBS constituted an “unusual cluster,” which happens with a variety of diseases and for a variety of reasons to occur across the country at any given time. The investigation is focused on determining if a connection exists between GBS and campylobacter, and discovering the source for the increase in both maladies. Yuma County, the Arizona Department of Health Services, the CDC, and Sonoran health officials have been working together and sharing information. The undersecretary of health for Sonoran state Gustavo said there were 15 cases of GBS in San Luis Rio Colorado, according to a June 18 article in Tribuna de San Luis. The illness is not contagious and the exact cause is unknown, although it is estimated that 40 percent of cases in the United States are preceded by a campylobacter infection, according to the CDC.  
Source: <http://www.yumasun.com/news/health-71437-yuma-campylobacter.html>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

34. *July 14, GateHouse News Service* – (New York) **Blaze damages Hornell High School.** Hundreds of people watched as a fire burned the roof at Hornell High School

in Hornell, New York July 13. Plumes of black smoke rose from the roof of the science wing next to the football field as firefighters from Hornell, North Hornell, South Hornell, and Canisteo battled the fire. The fire broke out at about 4:30 p.m. The Hornell fire chief said smoke coming from the high school was visible at the fire department, and noted that with the mixture of wind and the rubber on the roof of the building, the fire doubled in size in minutes.

Source: <http://www.the-leader.com/features/x2094011225/Fire-departments-battle-fire-at-Hornell-High-School>

35. *July 13, Associated Press* – (Illinois) **Storm damages library, museum in western Illinois.** A museum and library in the western Illinois city of Barry was severely damaged by strong winds during a thunderstorm July 12. The Quincy Herald-Whig reported July 13, the storm also left hundreds of Ameren customers in Quincy and Barry without power for several hours, and tore down trees and branches. Rain poured into the Barry Museum until volunteer firefighters arrived and covered the damaged roof with tarps. The museum is on the second floor of the Barry Library, built in 1904. The museum's collection includes microfilm of the Barry Adage newspaper from 1871. The museum also houses cemetery and township records, historic photos, war memorabilia, and antique radios. A local company was called to vacuum water from the museum in an attempt to prevent further damage.

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/chi-ap-il-westernillinoisst,0,27934.story>

36. *July 1, Associated Press* – (Vermont) **Firefighters respond to propane tank leak at Vermont National Guard site.** Vermont National Guard officials said firefighters had to be called out after a leak was found in a propane tank at a training site in Jericho, Vermont. A spokesman for the Guard, said area fire crews went to the Ethan Allen firing range about 10:30 a.m. July 13. About 100 gallons of liquid propane leaked when a valve failed as contractors were in the process of transferring propane from a 1,000-gallon tank to a bulk storage truck. Firefighters hosed down the spill, and buildings within 1,000 feet were evacuated, but no one was hurt. The Guard is replacing older tanks at the training site, which requires the draining of tanks before transport. Fire crews from Essex, Underhill/Jericho, Richmond, and Williston, along with Essex Rescue, responded.

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/dd6125230de5431e88908b38a078c375/VT--Propane-Leak/>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

37. *July 14, St. Louis Post-Dispatch* – (Missouri) **Former Washington County jailer gets maximum sentence over attacks on inmates.** The former head of the Washington County, Missouri, jail was sentenced July 13 to 10 years in federal prison for using an accused murderer to enforce discipline in the jail, lying to the FBI, and assaulting two inmates. In sentencing the man to the maximum penalty, the U.S. district judge rejected an argument by his lawyers that the four inmates who were attacked in 2005 were

somehow less deserving of protection because of their status. The judge told the former head for the jail that he was responsible for protecting those under his care, and safeguarding their civil rights, no matter how many times they have been convicted. One of the inmates, the son of a sheriff's deputy, had been detained at the jail in Potosi at his mother's request for being unruly. The other three were awaiting trial. The jailer was found guilty of two counts of lying to the FBI, and four civil rights charges.

Source: [http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/article\\_df069cc6-833b-5d36-823a-a4bad9b45113.html](http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/article_df069cc6-833b-5d36-823a-a4bad9b45113.html)

38. *July 14, Lafayette Advertiser* – (Louisiana) **Fire damages state police headquarters.** The Louisiana State Police (LSP) had an emergency of their own to handle July 12, after smoke and fire engulfed a section of the LSP Troop I building in Lafayette. Around 9:15 p.m., the Lafayette Fire Department responded to LSP Troop I's headquarters at 121 E. Pont Des Mouton for reports of a fire. According to a Troop I spokesman, four members of the state police, including a sergeant, lieutenant, trooper, and communications officer, discovered a fire in the kitchen area of the building and then tried to combat the flames. The spokesman said the troopers successfully exited the building and were treated on site for smoke inhalation. There were no reported injuries. The fire was determined by the Lafayette Fire Department to be accidental. Source: <http://www.theadvertiser.com/article/20110714/NEWS01/107140341>

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## **Information Technology Sector**

39. *July 14, Help Net Security* – (International) **Google+ related scams move to Facebook.** Scammers continue to take advantage of the interest raised by the introduction of Google+ and have begun tricking Facebook users into giving them access to their accounts via a rogue application. Users are lured in by updates on their news feeds seemingly posted by their friends, which "like" the "Google+ - Get Invite" Facebook page. Clicking on the link gets users to the page, where the rogue app by the name "Google Plus - Direct Access" is linked. Clicking on the link initiates the request for permissions from the app. Once the permission is given, the victim is urged to "like" the page that propagates the app and is encouraged to send and invite to their friends to visit it — in the hope that they will fall more easily for the scam if a friend of theirs appears to be supporting it. At the end of the process, the user is redirected to the official Google+ homepage. However, if they try to sign-in, they are faced with the notice that the service currently exceeded capacity. Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=11286>
40. *July 14, Help Net Security* – (International) **Apache Tomcat security bypass vulnerability.** A security issue and a vulnerability have been reported in Apache Tomcat, which can be exploited by malicious, local users to bypass certain security restrictions or cause a DoS, according to Secunia. The security issue is caused due to Apache Tomcat not properly verifying sendfile request attributes when running under a security manager, which can be exploited by a malicious Web application to bypass intended restrictions and, for example, disclose local files. The vulnerability is caused



due to Apache Tomcat not properly handling sendfile requests with invalid start and endpoints, which can be exploited to crash the JVM. Successful exploitation requires that a malicious Web application is deployed, and a security manager and the HTTP NIO or HTTP APR connector with enabled sendfile is used.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=11285>

41. *July 14, The Register* – (International) **Sega forums still closed a month after mystery hack.** Sega’s forum remains offline almost a month after its forums and other sites were hit by hacktivists, The Register reported July 14. Hackers broke into Sega’s systems and made off with user registration details, e-mail addresses, birth dates, and encrypted passwords of about 1.3 million users in June. No financial data was exposed by the hack, which was initially blamed on the hacking group LulzSec. The now defunct group denied involvement, even going so far as offering to track down the miscreants. Sega took the precaution June 16 of suspending its forums and other sites accessed via Sega Pass system while it beefed up security. This work remains ongoing almost a month later. A representative of Sega told The Register the sites remain offline for testing. No date has been set for restoration.  
Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/07/14/sega\\_forum\\_still\\_suspending/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/07/14/sega_forum_still_suspending/)
42. *July 14, H Security* – (International) **VLC Media Player vulnerable to heap overflow exploits.** According to the VideoLAN project, VLC Media Player is susceptible to two heap overflow vulnerabilities in the Real Media and AVI file parsers. These holes, rated as “Highly critical” by security specialists at Secunia, could be exploited by an attacker to crash the player or possibly execute arbitrary code on a victim’s system. For an attack to be successful, a user must first open a specially crafted malicious file. The vulnerabilities have been confirmed to affect the latest 1.1.10 release of VLC, from early June. According to the VLC developers, an upcoming maintenance and security update, VLC 1.1.11, will address these problems and introduce further stability fixes.  
Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/VLC-Media-Player-vulnerable-to-heap-overflow-exploits-1279247.html>
43. *July 13, Dark Reading* – (International) **Report: Sixty percent of users are running unpatched versions of Adobe.** Six out of every 10 users of Adobe Reader are running unpatched versions of the program, leaving them vulnerable to a variety of malware attacks, according to a report published July 13. In a study of its own antivirus users, Avast Software found 60.2 percent of those with Adobe Reader were running a vulnerable version of the program, and only 40 percent of users had the newest Adobe Reader X or were fully patched. One out of every five users also had an unpatched version of Adobe Reader that was at least two generations old, the study said. Adobe Reader is the most popular PDF reader application, and is a frequent target for malware writers. More than 80 percent of Avast users run a version of Adobe Reader.  
Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/smb-security/167901073/security/vulnerabilities/231001642>
44. *July 13, Help Net Security* – (International) **Trend Micro Control Manager file disclosure vulnerability.** A vulnerability in Trend Micro Control Manager can be exploited by malicious users to disclose sensitive information, according to Secunia.

Input passed via the “module” parameter to WebApp/widget/proxy\_request.php (when “sid” is set to “undefined” and “serverid”, “SORTFIELD”, “SELECTION”, and “WID” are set) is not properly verified before being used to read files. This can be exploited to read arbitrary files from local resources via directory traversal sequences. The vulnerability is confirmed in version 5.5 (Build 1250). Other versions may also be affected.

Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=11279>

## Internet Alert Dashboard

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

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

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## Communications Sector

45. *July 14, The Register* – (International) **Voda femtocells open phones up to intercept.** Security researchers claim to have uncovered a serious security hole in Vodafone’s mobile network. Security shortcomings in the femtocell technology supplied by the cell phone giant create a means to extract data that would allow hackers to intercept calls or impersonate users that connect through a compromised device, The Hacker’s Choice (THC) claims. Femtocells are home routers that use broadband connections to improve mobile coverage, allowing calls to be made indoors more easily. THC claims to have reverse-engineered the Sagem-manufactured kit, and discovered a way for any subscriber to use a femtocell. A second vulnerability creates a means for hackers to grab secret subscriber information from Vodafone (specifically IMSI — international mobile subscriber identity — data from Home Location Register and authentication systems). Because of this shortcoming, it is possible to turn a hacked femtocell into an interception device, the researchers claim. Access to a victim’s voicemail would also be possible. All these hacks would only work once a victim had been tricked into using a compromised base station, something that can happen automatically, but only over a short distance of around 50 meters from the device. The root cause of the problem is that the allegedly insecure base station kit is assigned functions normally restricted to carriers’ core network authentication systems.  
Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/07/14/vodafone\\_femtocell\\_hack/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2011/07/14/vodafone_femtocell_hack/)

46. *July 13, WSAV 3 Savannah* – (Georgia) **Comcast experiencing outage in several areas.** Comcast said July 13 their engineers were working hard to fix an issue that knocked out cable to thousands of customers in Georgia. They said it seemed to be a fiber optic related issue. Comcast said they had no estimated time of return of service. Outages were reported on Wilmington Island, Bloomingdale, Southside, Hinesville, Long County, Bryan County, Savannah, Pooler, and Guyton.  
Source: <http://www2.wsav.com/news/2011/jul/13/comcast-experiencing-outage-several-areas-ar-2106534/>

47. *July 13, North Country Now* – (New York) **Telephone service disrupted throughout much of St. Lawrence County.** Telephone service throughout St. Lawrence County, New York, was disrupted July 13, with many landline phones unable to receive or make calls. Slic Network Solutions and Nicholville Telephone officials said they and other phone service providers were “experiencing issues with calls outside of their own networks.” The situation only affected phone service, not e-mail and Internet service, they said. Slic and Nicholville Telephone said late in the afternoon of July 13 that they were working to restore services as quickly as possible.  
Source: <http://northcountrynow.com/news/telephone-service-distrupted-throughout-much-st-lawrence-county-033063>

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## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

48. *July 14, Elyria Chronicle-Telegram* – (Ohio) **80-year-old downtown Elyria building collapses, may need to be demolished.** The facade of the west wall of the law offices of Savoy & Bilancini, on the corner of West Avenue and Broad Street in Elyria, Ohio, collapsed July 13. The foundation along the west wall of the building appeared to have caved in, taking a 14-foot-wide portion of the brick wall and a large chunk of the sidewalk down with it. Brick debris fell onto West Avenue, creating a temporary road block. The street was blocked for a number of hours July 13 while a contractor cleared up the rubble, according to a building inspector. Officials from multiple city departments examined the damage. An official with the city building department issued a notice of violations with a correction order, citing the “structural collapse,” and the following attempts to remove the debris, to render the building “not integrally safe.” The notice calls for the building to be demolished. The cause of the collapse was not known.  
Source: <http://chronicle.northcoastnow.com/2011/07/14/80-year-old-downtown-elyria-building-collapses-may-need-to-be-demolished/>
49. *July 14, Softpedia* – (International) **Three eBay fraud rings dismantled in Romania, 90 arrested.** A major law enforcement operation in Romania led to the arrest of 90 individuals July 14 who are suspected of being members of three distinct cyber fraud rings. Prosecutors from the Romanian Directorate for the Investigation of Organized Crime and Terrorism assisted by national police executed 117 raids at residences in nine different cities. The operation targeted three cyber criminal gangs that between 2009 and 2011, defrauded more than 1,000 Internet users. The losses are estimated at around \$20 million. The fraudsters operated by posting fake ads on eBay and Craigslist offering to sell cars, motorcycles, small boats, consumer electronics, and other goods. Payments were received in bank accounts set up in the United States using fake or stolen identities and then wired to Romania. FBI and Secret Service agents stationed at the U.S. Embassy in Bucharest assisted the investigation by providing informational and operational support.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/90-eBay-Fraudsters-Arrested-for-20-Million-Scheme-in-Romania-211472.shtml>

50. *July 14, Aol Travel* – (International) **Coast Guard calls off search for 7 Americans missing after Mexican tour boat disaster.** The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) July 12 issued a statement announcing it suspended its search for seven missing Americans who were aboard a Mexican fishing vessel that sank in the Sea of Cortez the week of July 4. Unless one of the missing men turns up, the accident will have claimed the lives of eight American tourists (the body of one passenger was already found). The Mexican Navy has also called off its search according to the USCG statement. Relatives of the missing said they would lobby for a continued search even though, at this juncture, that mission would likely be to recover remains.  
Source: <http://news.travel.aol.com/2011/07/14/tour-boat-sinks-off-mexican-coast-americans-onboard-video/>

51. *July 13, St. Paul Pioneer Press* – (Minnesota) **55 displaced in apparent arson at Stillwater townhouses.** Arson is suspected in the fire that caused \$500,000 in damage and forced the evacuation of 55 people from the Birchwood Apartments complex in St. Paul, Minnesota, officials said. A resident was sitting in her townhouse in Stillwater about 3:10 a.m. July 13 when she heard a loud explosion. Thirty seconds later, she smelled smoke. She said when she looked outside she saw 50-foot flames coming from the roof of an adjacent townhouse building. The fire started outside, against a townhouse wall, and damaged 4 buildings housing 16 units, said the Stillwater Police Chief. Police, firefighters and sheriff's deputies from Stillwater, Oak Park Heights, Bayport, Mahtomedi, Lake Elmo, Lower St. Croix Valley, and Washington County responded. No one was injured.  
Source: [http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci\\_18474038](http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci_18474038)

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

52. *July 13, United Press International* – (Georgia) **Building fire near King tomb extinguished.** Firefighters in Atlanta, Georgia, worked to save a building July 13 that caught fire inside the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site, authorities said. The fire was reported about 6 a.m. at a building about a half-block from the burial site, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported. The building, owned by the National Park Service, is leased to Leslie's Barber Shop, which sustained some fire and water damage. Crews from Atlanta Fire Station 4 were on scene in less than a minute, the battalion chief said. Several apartments in an adjacent building were evacuated, he said.  
Source: [http://www.upi.com/Top\\_News/US/2011/07/13/Building-fire-near-King-tomb-extinguished/UPI-46961310577496/](http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2011/07/13/Building-fire-near-King-tomb-extinguished/UPI-46961310577496/)

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## **Dams Sector**

53. *July 14, Maryville Daily Forum* – (Missouri; Nebraska) **Flooding threatens Hwy. 65.** Large chunks of northwest Missouri were still underwater July 14 following Missouri River flooding this summer, as well as west-central Missouri. The Associated Press reported that about 12 square miles of farmland in Carroll County, Missouri, were flooded after several area levees failed. Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) officials reported U.S. Highway 65 was open south of Carrollton, but traffic was down to one lane. MoDOT monitored a weakening levee in nearby Chariton County because a breach there could affect U.S. Highway 24. The Nebraska Public Power District said the “notification of unusual event” alert put in place June 19 for the Cooper plant about 70 miles south of Omaha officially ended July 12. Omaha Public Power District’s Fort Calhoun nuclear power plant about 90 miles to the north remained under an alert because floodwaters there were higher.  
Source: <http://www.maryvilledailyforum.com/highlight/x828705741/Flooding-threatens-Hwy-65>
54. *July 13, KCAU 9 Sioux City* – (Nebraska; Iowa) **More land washes away from Decatur Bridge.** The Missouri River washed away more land underneath the Decatur bridge in Nebraska, but local officials said the damage does not appear to have impacted the integrity of the bridge. The Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) Maintenance director said July 13 that staff in the field reported additional erosion on the Iowa side of the bridge. The erosion was near the east abutment, the same place where damage was that forced officials to close the crossing June 27. The co-director of Decatur’s civil defense said the crossing was closed because of the erosion at the bridge entrance on the Iowa side. Crews hired by the Iowa DOT are working on an approximately \$1.2 million project to protect the Highway 175 approach to the bridge.  
Source: <http://www.kcautv.com/story/15079187/more-land-washes-away-from-decatur-bridge>
55. *July 13, Associated Press* – (Alaska) **A wooden dam spillway on Lake Lucille causing major concern for Wasilla officials.** The wooden dam spillway on Lake Lucille in Wasilla, Alaska, is deteriorating, KTUU 2 Anchorage reported. Local officials worry if the spillway collapses, the lake, where the former Alaska governor has her home, would drain and nearby property owners would face flooding. The mayor of Wasilla said the dam is at the point of starting to give way. Experts with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game have installed a temporary fix, but a state dam safety engineer said the dam spillway is on the verge of a partial or total failure, and the department of natural resources said the existing dam must be upgraded.  
Source:  
<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/b5d1ffea75c74bf4a3bd730fb755e697/AK--Lake-Lucille-Dam/>
56. *July 13, KRTV 3 Great Falls* – (Montana) **More water to be released from Tiber Dam.** The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation started releasing more water from Tiber Dam

near Missoula, Montana July 14, relieving some pressure on the reservoir and putting much more water into the Marias River. Water was flowing into the Marias at a rate of 770 cubic feet per second (cfs) July 13, and by the evening of July 14, the rate was predicted to reach 1,120 cfs. Flood waters in June swamped most of Tiber's recreation areas, access roads, and boat ramps when the reservoir's elevation was at 3,008 feet. The Bureau expects to raise the Marias water flow by the week of July 18 to 2,500 cfs. Source: <http://www.kpax.com/news/more-water-to-be-released-from-tiber-dam/>

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