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## Energy Sector

1. *July 10, Associated Press* – (Michigan) **NTSB: Neglect, inaction caused huge Mich. spill.** A Canadian company's failure to deal adequately with cracks in an oil pipeline and its slow response to a 2010 rupture in southwestern Michigan likely caused the most expensive onshore oil spill in U.S. history, the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) said July 10. Enbridge Inc. knew in 2005 that its pipeline near Marshall, a city 95 miles west of Detroit, was cracked and corroded, but it did not perform excavations that ultimately might have prevented the rupture, NTSB investigators told the five-member board at a meeting in Washington. Investigators also faulted Enbridge control center personnel for twice pumping more oil into the line after the spill began and failing to discover what had happened for more than 17 hours, when an employee of a natural gas company notified them. The board voted to approve the findings after testimony concluded. The spill dumped about 843,000 gallons of heavy crude into the Kalamazoo River and a tributary creek, fouling more than 35 miles of waterways and wetlands. Enbridge's cleanup costs have exceeded \$800 million, which the NTSB Chairman said was more than five times greater than the next-costliest onshore spill. Source: <http://www.miamiherald.com/2012/07/10/2889111/regulators-reveal-likely-cause.html>
2. *July 9, Charleston Gazette* – (West Virginia) **Randolph mine blast may be storm-related.** Federal and State officials were closely monitoring a Randolph County, West Virginia coal mine where an apparent explosion in a sealed underground tunnel could be related to lightning from the June 29 derecho that ripped through West Virginia, the Charleston Gazette reported July 9. Carter Roag Coal Co.'s Pleasant Hill Mine near Cassity has been closed since authorities were alerted that four water-trap pipes had been blown out of newly constructed seals at the operation. Government investigators said the incident could involve a roof fall in the sealed area or lightning striking some sort of metal, such as an abandoned oil and gas well. Source: <http://sundaygazettemail.com/News/201207090094>
3. *July 9, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Oil field fire burns more than 4 acres in Montebello.** A fire at a Montebello, California oil field scorched more than 4 acres July 9 and continued to burn, fire officials said. The fire quickly spread on property near the 300 block of Casa Grande Avenue, according to the Montebello Fire Department. The oil field is owned by Plains Exploration and Production, an oil and gas company. Source: <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2012/07/oil-field-fire-in-montebello.html>
4. *July 6, KGO 7 San Francisco* – (California) **A hazmat situation has caused the evacuation of Evergreen Oil in Newark.** Evergreen Oil in Newark, California, evacuated July 6 due to a HAZMAT situation. The Alameda County Fire Department said superheated oil leaked and was a possible fire hazard. Approximately 70 people were evacuated from the building as a safety precaution. There was one medical complaint. Source: [http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/local/east\\_bay&id=8727344](http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?section=news/local/east_bay&id=8727344)

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## Chemical Industry Sector

5. *July 10, Framingham MetroWest Daily News* – (Massachusetts) **Framingham health board sets rules for General Chemical.** The Framingham, Massachusetts Board of Health capped a 10-month public hearing process July 9 by setting new rules to monitor General Chemical Corp. — during and after the facility closes. Reacting to past violations of the hazardous waste handler’s 1994 site assignment, the board voted unanimously to issue new demands and set compliance deadlines. For example, General Chemical must share a detailed closing plan and report to the board by July 30. A post-closing plan is due September 30 and must focus on community health and safety, security, and nuisance conditions. Backing up to an elementary school playground, the Leland Street plant sits on a contaminated plume of groundwater that experts say is encroaching on the neighborhood. General Chemical, which stopped trucking in waste, is under pressure to decontaminate and fully close the facility and clean up the plume. The new site assignment includes 49 conditions that General Chemical must follow. Some of the requirements deal with site security, and for the firm to reach out to the neighborhood and keep residents apprised of facility-related news through public announcements.

Source:

<http://www.metrowestdailynews.com/lifestyle/health/x1222861374/Framingham-health-board-sets-rules-for-General-Chemical>

6. *July 9, WSJV 28 Elkhart* – (Indiana) **Firefighters battle fire on McKinley Highway in Mishawaka.** Employees were evacuated from the Lebermuth Company in Mishawaka, Indiana, when a big stainless steel fragrance tank caught fire July 9. According to the firm’s Web site, it makes fragrances, flavors, and essential oils. Fire crews from several area fire departments, including South Bend, Mishawaka, and Clay Township responded. A HAZMAT team responded because of the chemicals present. “It’s one of those buildings that you hope you never get a call for a fire, just knowing there are a lot of dangerous chemicals here,” said the Penn Township assistant fire chief. McKinley Highway was shut down as firefighters tried to keep water and chemicals from getting into the sewer system. The firm’s owners said they plan to continue operations at the company’s Bremen facility.

Source: <http://www.fox28.com/story/18981565/firefighters-battle-fire-on-mckinley-highway-in-mishawaka>

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## Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

7. *July 10, Athens News Courier* – (Tennessee) **Preliminary safety finding issued for Browns Ferry plant.** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued a preliminary safety finding at the Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant in Athens, Tennessee, because the agency felt operators were not familiar enough with fire safety requirements, the Athens News-Courier reported July 10. The preliminary “white” finding was of low-to-moderate significance. A spokesman for plant operator TVA said the finding stemmed from revisions to the plant’s Safe Shutdown Instructions, which were approved in 2011. The Safe Shutdown Instructions, he said, include customized actions taken by operators to ensure the plant remains safe if some of the equipment is unavailable or damaged by fire. He said the TVA revised some of these procedures and did not adequately train operators on the new guidelines.  
Source: <http://enewscourier.com/local/x1501705443/Preliminary-safety-finding-issued-for-Browns-Ferry-plant>

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## Critical Manufacturing Sector

8. *July 9, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Maine) **U.S. Labor Department’s OSHA proposes \$132,000 in fines against Maine steel fabricator for electrical, crushing and laceration hazards at Augusta, Maine, plant.** The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) July 9 cited Cives Steel Co. for alleged willful, repeat, and serious violations of workplace safety standards at its Augusta, Maine production facility. The steel products fabricator faces \$132,000 in proposed fines for electrical, crushing, laceration, and other hazards. The OSHA found maintenance employees were not supplied with and did not use personal protective equipment to protect themselves against the hazards of electric shock, arc flash, and arc blast while performing diagnostic work on electrical equipment. This resulted in one willful citation. Another electrical hazard cited was the use of extension cords as a substitute for fixed wiring, a condition similar to one for which the agency had cited Cives Steel’s Gouverneur, New York plant in 2010. This situation resulted in the issuance of one repeat citation. Nine serious citations were also issued.  
Source:  
[http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=NEWS\\_RELEASES&p\\_id=22668](http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=22668)
9. *July 8, Jalopnik* – (International) **Hackers steal BMWs in 3 minutes using security loophole.** There has been an unusual spike in the number of BMWs stolen in the United Kingdom, and the method suspected involves devices that plug into the car’s OBD port to program blank key fobs, Jalopnik reported July 8. The essential theft process varies in detail, but all reports seem to have a fundamental methodology in common. First, the car is entered, either via nearby RF jammers that block the fob lock signal from reaching the car or by breaking a window. In cases of the window break, the thieves seem to be exploiting a gap in the car’s internal ultrasonic sensor system to

avoid tripping the alarm. Once access to the vehicle is gained, the thieves connect a device to the car's OBD-II connector which gives them access to the car's unique key fob digital ID, allowing them to program a blank key fob on the spot. BMW is not the only car company to allow key code access through the OBD port, but the recent rash of BMW thefts, compared to other makes, suggests another factor may be at play, possibly a good supply of blank BMW key fobs.

Source: <http://www.technolog.msnbc.msn.com/technology/technolog/hackers-steal-bmws-3-minutes-using-security-loophole-868400>

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

10. *July 10, Associated Press* – (North Dakota) **Missile facility scare in North Dakota was a false alarm.** The Air Force said an incident at a missile launch facility in northwestern North Dakota that forced the shutdown of a state highway was a false alarm. The military said that July 9, remote sensors incorrectly detected a possible chemical hazard during routine maintenance at the facility from which airmen control missiles buried in underground silos in the countryside. State officials closed Highway 37 south of Parshall during the investigation. The road has since reopened.  
Source: <http://www.wday.com/event/article/id/66096/group/homepage/>
11. *July 10, Military Times* – (National) **More F-22 scares prompt new calls for action.** Two more pilots were forced to land F-22s in recent weeks after experiencing symptoms of oxygen deficiency, two lawmakers said July 10. The incidents led a Republican Representative from Illinois and a Democratic Senator from Virginia to renew calls to the U.S. Air Force to pinpoint the cause of problems that have plagued the service's stealth fighter for 2 years. July 6, an F-22 pilot at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam in Hawaii declared an emergency and landed safely, just weeks after a similar incident at Joint Base Langley-Eustis in Virginia, the lawmakers said. Both pilots were flying without pressurized vests, the lawmakers said. The pressurized vests emerged as a possible cause of the problems in early June, though the director of operations for Air Combat Command said then that the Air Force was not ready to declare victory. Pilots were directed, in most cases, to fly without the vest. The Congressmen sent a letter to the Air Force Secretary July 10, outlining their concerns and asking for additional updates into the service's investigation. The letter requests an update within 30 days on all F-22 incidents, and requests more data on the investigation into the pressurized vests. The lawmakers also want details on a recent contract awarded to Lockheed Martin for the installation of an automatic backup oxygen supply system. The Air Force plans to install the system in F-22s later in 2012.  
Source: <http://www.militarytimes.com/news/2012/07/air-force-f-22-raptor-scares-new-calls-for-action-071012/>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

12. *July 9, Chicago Tribune* – (Illinois) **FBI: Bandit strikes for 3rd time, robs Elmhurst bank.** A bank robber who was believed to be responsible for two previous bank hold ups struck a third time July 9 at an Inland Bank and Trust branch in Elmhurst, Illinois, officials said. The robber, who officials believe robbed the bank previously June 11 and a Chase Bank branch in Bensenville April 2, approached a teller with a demand note. The note implied he had a weapon, but it was not brandished during the robbery, the FBI said. The man fled the bank with an undisclosed amount of cash.  
Source: [http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2012-07-09/news/chi-fbi-bandit-strikes-for-third-time-at-elmhurst-bank-20120709\\_1\\_elmhurst-bank-bandit-strikes-chase-bank-branch](http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2012-07-09/news/chi-fbi-bandit-strikes-for-third-time-at-elmhurst-bank-20120709_1_elmhurst-bank-bandit-strikes-chase-bank-branch)

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## **Transportation Sector**

13. *July 9, Associated Press* – (Oklahoma) **NTSB says trains not speeding before Okla. wreck.** The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) said July 9 that trains that collided head-on in June in the Oklahoma Panhandle were not speeding at the time of the wreck. Three Union Pacific employees died in the June 24 accident near Goodwell, Oklahoma. Another worker jumped to safety. A preliminary NTSB report issued July 9 said an eastbound train was traveling at 64 mph at the time of the crash and that a westbound train was traveling at 38 mph. The speed limit in the area is 70 mph. The agency said it was checking to see whether train operators were receiving signals properly. Damage was estimated at nearly \$15 million.  
Source: <http://www.kiiitv.com/story/18985256/ntsb-says-trains-not-speeding-before-okla-wreck>
14. *July 9, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **FBI joins probe of explosives found under O.C. bridge.** The FBI was brought in to help investigate a cache of explosives — grenades, blasting caps and fuse igniters — that was found in a backpack under a bridge in Placentia, California, July 9. Orange County bomb squad officials were brought in after the backpack was discovered by people working in a drainage ditch, said an Orange County sheriff’s spokesman. After cordoning off the area, bomb technicians detonated the contents of the backpack, including six grenades, blasting caps, fuse igniters, and blasting powder. For several hours, Lakeview Avenue between Orangethorpe Avenue and Eisenhower Circle was closed to traffic. “It was a dangerous situation,” the spokesman said. “It could have caused major structural damage to the bridge.”  
Source: <http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2012/07/officials-detonate-explosives-in-anaheim-.html>



15. *July 9, Chadron Record* – (Nebraska) **Hazardous spill closes highway.** A hazardous spill west of Crawford, Nebraska, shut down traffic on Highway 20 for 5 hours July 7 after a truck wrecked and dumped hydrochloric acid. The driver was eastbound on Highway 20 headed to North Dakota when he lost control of the trailer behind the semi, said the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP). The trailer swung around and pulled the truck in to a ditch, where it rolled on to its side. The Dawes County Sheriff's Office and the Crawford Fire Department responded. A 2-mile stretch of the highway was closed while the spill was cleaned up. The accident dumped about 300 gallons of hydrochloric acid on the ground. A HAZMAT team from the company responsible for the truck's contents handled the cleanup.

Source: [http://rapidcityjournal.com/news/local/communities/chadron/hazardous-spill-closes-highway/article\\_5c34cb98-c9e0-11e1-86e0-001a4bcf887a.html](http://rapidcityjournal.com/news/local/communities/chadron/hazardous-spill-closes-highway/article_5c34cb98-c9e0-11e1-86e0-001a4bcf887a.html)

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## **Agriculture and Food Sector**

16. *July 10, Food Safety News* – (National) **Federal Egg Safety Rule goes into full effect.** The government's Egg Safety Rule, a set of requirements designed to prevent Salmonella contamination at laying facilities, became fully fledged July 9 when it went into effect for medium-sized operations after previously applying only to large producers. Since July 2010, companies with over 50,000 laying hens have been required to comply, but the rule now covers facilities with more than 3,000 and less than 50,000 hens. The rule requires all producers who do not pasteurize in-shell egg products to test for Salmonella Enteritidis bacteria and to refrigerate eggs at 45 degrees or less during storage and transportation, starting within 36 hours of when they are laid. It also says chicks and young hens may only be sourced from suppliers who monitor for Salmonella. Firms must implement biosecurity, rodent, and pest control measures. The rule says that if Salmonella is found on eggs or in a laying facility, the eggs must be pasteurized or diverted for non-food use, and the facility must be sanitized.

Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/07/egg-safety-rule-now-in-full-force/>

17. *July 10, Associated Press* – (New York) **Rough year for NY's cherry crop.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) said the freezing weather in April that followed an unusually warm March had a severe impact on New York's cherry crop, the Associated Press reported July 10. The USDA is forecasting 2012 tart cherry production at just over 1 million pounds. That is 81 percent below the 2011 production, and 86 percent below the 2010 crop. That would be a record low production. Sweet cherry production in New York is forecast at 250 tons, or 64 percent below the 2011 crop. U.S. tart cherry

production is forecast at 73 million pounds, 68 percent below the 2011 crop. In Michigan, the biggest cherry State, the majority of growers lost all of their crop because of the warm March and freezing April.

Source: <http://www.wivb.com/dpp/news/local/rough-year-for-nys-cherry-crop>

18. *July 9, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Oregon) **Two Oregon dairies fined for water discharge violations in Tillamook Watershed.** Dila Dairy and River End Dairy, LLC, located in Nehalem, Oregon, were found to be discharging in violation of the Clean Water Act's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and the Oregon Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation permit, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reported July 9. The inspections were part of routine monitoring of the Tillamook Watershed, which drains to Tillamook Bay. River End Dairy was found to be discharging wastewater in violation of their NPDES permit from the Main Barn to the Nehalem River. The EPA signed a settlement with River End Dairy that included a \$6,300 penalty. Dila Dairy was also found to be discharging to the Nehalem River in violation of its NPDES Permit from several locations, including discharges from a dry storage area, and two barns. Dila Dairy's infractions were resolved after they signed a settlement with the EPA and paid a \$10,000 penalty.  
Source:  
<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/E5F42F833937B69585257A36007C61C6>
19. *July 9, Food Safety News* – (Ohio) **Carl Rittberger Sr., Inc. recalls 9,000 pounds of deli items for Listeria risk.** Ohio-based Carl Rittberger Sr., Inc. recalled roughly 9,000 pounds of fully-cooked deli items because of a possible contamination of *Listeria monocytogenes*, Food Safety News reported July 9. The following products purchased by retailers between June 25 and July 6 were recalled: spiced loaf, breakfast loaf, garlic bologna, German brand bologna, wieners, grillers, kielbasa, straight HB roll, and natural casing wieners. The bacteria was found during routine testing by the Ohio Department of Agriculture. The product that tested positive never left the plant.  
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/07/carl-rittberger-sr-inc-recalls-9000-pounds-of-deli-items-for-listeria-risk/>
20. *July 9, Bloomberg* – (National) **Crop conditions worsening in U.S. as drought withers fields.** The deterioration of the corn and soybean crops expanded in the United States, dropping for a fifth straight week as unseasonably dry weather and record-high temperatures withered yield potential, the government said, according to Bloomberg July 9. About 40 percent of the corn crop was in good or excellent condition as of July 8, down from 48 percent a week earlier and the lowest for this time of year since a drought in 1988, the U.S. Department of Agriculture said. An estimated 40 percent of soybeans got the top ratings, down from 45 percent and also the lowest in 24 years for that date. As of July 8, more than 91 percent of the production of corn and soybeans in the U.S., the world's largest producer and exporter for both crops, was dry at the topsoil level and 59 percent was at high risk of intense stress and lower yields, T-Storm Weather said. About 53 percent of the Midwest had moderate to extreme drought conditions as of July 3, the highest since the government-funded U.S. Drought Monitor began tracking the data in 2000. Soil moisture in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Missouri, and Kentucky was so low that it ranks in the 10th percentile among all other years since



1895. Hot, dry weather also eroded the condition of spring wheat, a high-protein variety of the grain that is used to make bread and pasta, grown in the northern Great Plains. About 44 percent of the cotton crop was rated good or excellent, compared with 47 percent a week earlier and 26 percent a year earlier. An estimated 69 percent of the rice crop was rated good or excellent, compared with 72 percent a week earlier and 61 percent a year earlier.

Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/crop-conditions-worsening-in-us-as-drought-withers-fields/2012/07/09/gJQApaZYZW\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/crop-conditions-worsening-in-us-as-drought-withers-fields/2012/07/09/gJQApaZYZW_story.html)

21. *July 9, Associated Press* – (Wisconsin) **Wisconsin governor declares drought emergency.** Wisconsin’s governor declared a state of emergency in 42 southern Wisconsin counties July 9 due to drought or abnormally dry conditions as the State continued to suffer from a heat wave and lack of rain. It was the first time such a declaration has been made since 2009. The U.S. Drought Monitor listed all or portions of 14 southern Wisconsin counties as experiencing a moderate drought as of its latest map dated July 3. All or portions of 23 counties were listed as abnormally dry. Fields are dried out across southern Wisconsin.

Source: [http://www.wiscnews.com/bdc/news/local/article\\_333b3180-ca37-11e1-82b9-001a4bcf887a.html](http://www.wiscnews.com/bdc/news/local/article_333b3180-ca37-11e1-82b9-001a4bcf887a.html)

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## **Water Sector**

22. *July 9, WMBB 13 Panama City* – (Florida) **Major water main break in Mexico Beach.** A contractor digging a trench alongside U.S. Highway 98 in Mexico Beach, Florida, struck the city’s main water line July 9, knocking out water service to half the city. The incident happened just 2 weeks after a lightning strike caused untreated sewage to escape from a sanitary lift station, sending thousands of gallons of contaminated sewage into a canal that drains into the Gulf of Mexico. The city administrator said a crew was laying fiber optic cable alongside the highway when a boring machine hit the city’s main water distribution line. A few hours after the incident, a city crew isolated a 13 foot section of pipe where water was leaking. Water service was restored later that evening. The city issued a precautionary boil water notice from 19th Street to CR-386 at the Bay/Gulf county line.

Source: <http://www.wmbb.com/story/18986051/major-water-main-break-in-mexico-beach>

23. *July 9, WJZ 13 Baltimore* – (Maryland) **Baltimore City residents asked to conserve water as lines are tested.** Baltimore’s Department of Public Works (DPW) requested 1.8 million people to conserve water as water mains in Baltimore are being tested, WJZ 13 Baltimore reported July 9. A water main just as big as the ones that broke in Halethorpe and Dundalk a few years ago is threatening to give way. “We have gotten ahead of a potentially serious matter,” said Baltimore DPW’s director. It was found with a robotic tool the DPW started using in March of 2011. Scanning from inside, it discovered a metal layer called prestressing wires that is rusting away. It is the same cause of past major breaks. “Put in the ground in the 70s and they were manufactured

by a company that didn't know how to manufacture pipes very well," said a DPW spokesman. The line runs near a Southwest Baltimore intersection, under some abandoned railroad tracks. It is a massive 54-inch transmission main that carries water from the Ashburton plant through the city into Anne Arundel and Howard counties. Judging how to best replace the water that flows into the pipeline is the purpose of the test.

Source: <http://baltimore.cbslocal.com/2012/07/09/baltimore-city-residents-asked-to-conserve-water-as-lines-are-tested/>

24. *July 9, Grand Junction Daily Sentinel* – (Colorado) **Colorado River flooding will affect Clifton Water users.** Heavy thunderstorms and flash flooding in the Pine Ridge Fire area caused ash and burned vegetation to wash into the Colorado River, affecting water supplies for the Clifton, Colorado area, officials reported July 9. The Ute Water Conservancy District started to send the Clifton Water District supplemental water to meet Clifton water users demands, Clifton Water said in a news release. The Clifton district, Ute Water, and the City of Grand Junction anticipated this issue, the release added. Water is safe to drink. However, Ute Water uses chloramines for disinfection, which is different than Clifton Water's typical method, which may discolor water and affect users of kidney dialysis and owners of aquariums, the release said. Ute Water hoped to discontinue this supplemental distribution within the next 24 hours if conditions improve, the release said.

Source: <http://www.gjsentinel.com/breaking/articles/colorado-river-flooding-will-affect-clifton-water-users/>

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## **Public Health and Healthcare Sector**

25. *July 10, McHenry County Northwest Herald* – (Illinois) **Nursing home evacuated for lack of air conditioning.** Tenants of an Island Lake nursing home have been forced to leave their living quarters by the Illinois Department of Public Health because of a lack of air conditioning after an inspection July 6. Fifty-six residents at Sheltering Oak were evacuated because of unsafe temperatures inside the more-than-35-year-old building. They were then taken to other facilities or to stay with family members. Temperatures through the weekend of July 7 were at or near record highs. Attempts to keep residents cool included moving all activities, programming, and furniture to the dining area of the nursing home, which is air-conditioned. Twenty-four individual air-conditioning units also were bought before State health officials decided to evacuate the building. Dehumidifiers also were used. State officials are reviewing the situation and possible site violations. Nursing home officials are in the process of gathering bids for improvements, which could cost more than \$50,000.

Source: <http://www.nwherald.com/2012/07/09/nursing-home-evacuated-for-lack-of-air-conditioning/awvo6m9/>

26. *July 9, WTSP 10 St. Petersburg* – (Florida) **Thousands feared exposed to Florida tuberculosis outbreak.** A stubborn and deadly outbreak of tuberculosis (TB) in

Jacksonville, Florida, is prompting Florida to team up with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to battle the disease, but State health officials insist the situation is under control. The TB outbreak is linked to 13 deaths and nearly 100 illnesses since 2004, mainly among homeless people. It is estimated about 3,000 people have been exposed to the contagious disease but that information was never released to the media. Now State and federal health workers are trying to track down as many of those people as possible to check for symptoms of TB, including cough, fever, sweats and weight loss. Florida asked the CDC for help with the TB cluster in February but not because the situation was out of control, according to a doctor with the State Department of Health. He called it business as usual. He said the cluster of TB cases did not warrant a public warning because it was not a public health hazard, and said Florida has the resources to reach out to those potentially exposed to tuberculosis with federal, State, and local governments contributing to the effort. The ongoing outbreak has coincided with the shutdown of Florida's only TB hospital — A.G. Holley in Lantana. The hospital closed the week of July 2 after State lawmakers passed and the Florida governor signed legislation eliminating funding for the facility.

Source: <http://www.wtsp.com/news/article/263133/12/Thousands-feared-exposed-to-Florida-tuberculosis-outbreak>

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

27. *July 10, Associated Press* – (Virginia; Washington, D.C.) **Mass. man to plead in plot to blow up Pentagon.** A Massachusetts man charged with plotting to fly remote-controlled model planes packed with explosives into the Pentagon and U.S. Capitol in the Washington-D.C. area plans to plead guilty to two charges, his lawyers and prosecutors said in a plea agreement filed in federal court July 10. He was arrested in September 2011 after federal employees posing as al Qaeda members delivered materials he had allegedly requested, including grenades, machine guns, and what he believed was 24 pounds of C4 explosives. In the plea agreement, prosecutors and his lawyers say he will plead guilty to attempting to provide material support to terrorists and attempting to damage and destroy federal buildings by means of an explosive. Prosecutors and defense attorneys agreed to request a 17-year sentence.

Source: <http://www.militarytimes.com/news/2012/07/ap-military-pentagon-plot-massachusetts-man-to-plead-guilty-071012/>

28. *July 10, Cleveland Plain Dealer* – (Ohio) **Cuyahoga County Juvenile Justice Center has to work out kinks in security system.** The Cuyahoga County, Ohio Board of Control approved a contract of up to \$33,000 July 9 to correct issues with the security system for the new Juvenile Justice Center's detention area, where cameras have broken down and batteries in handheld devices that control electronics have died. "Very simply stated, everything is automated and electronic now, from card readers to security doors to hundreds and hundreds of cameras," said a court administrator. "Security hasn't worked the way we hoped it would work 100 percent of time." The president of the company that installed the system said the problems have been twofold: "The folks at court, they're coming from the stone age into what's really a

state-of-the-art system. Some hardware problems were related to batteries, some were related to cameras.” He said many of the issues came down to training staff to operate new equipment.

Source: [http://www.cleveland.com/cuyahoga-county/index.ssf/2012/07/cuyahoga\\_county\\_juvenile\\_justice\\_center\\_has\\_to\\_work\\_out\\_kinks\\_in\\_security\\_system.html](http://www.cleveland.com/cuyahoga-county/index.ssf/2012/07/cuyahoga_county_juvenile_justice_center_has_to_work_out_kinks_in_security_system.html)

29. *July 10, Andover Patch* – (Massachusetts) **No threat determined at IRS Monday.** After several hours of waiting and careful procedures July 9, the Andover, Massachusetts Fire Department and District 6 HAZMAT team declared the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) building to be safe. A mail room worker found white powder all over several envelopes. Emergency officials locked down the mail room and the 30 people in the room. “We just isolated those people,” said the Andover fire chief. The HAZMAT team eventually determined the white powder was prescription drugs that had been presumably crushed during the mailing process and spread over a few parcels. Emergency officials moved out of the IRS building after 4-5 hours.  
Source: <http://andover.patch.com/articles/no-threat-determined-at-irs-monday>
30. *July 9, Richmond Times-Dispatch* – (Virginia) **Richmond man arrested in theft of State Senators’ iPads.** Virginia Capitol Police arrested a custodial worker July 9 in the theft of four iPads from State senate offices in the general assembly building in Richmond. Authorities said they charged him with three counts of grand larceny in the theft of four iPads. One of the counts stems from the theft of two iPads because they were stolen at the same time. A Capitol police official said the thefts occurred in late February and early March. The iPads had been issued to four State senators. Authorities recovered three of the four iPads. The suspect was banned from the Capitol complex.  
Source: <http://www2.timesdispatch.com/news/2012/jul/09/richmond-man-arrested-theft-state-senators-ipads-ar-2044720/>
31. *July 9, WCAU 10 Philadelphia* – (Pennsylvania) **Former IRS employee steals from taxpayer: cops.** A former employee of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in Philadelphia was arrested July 5 after allegedly participating in an identity theft scheme. According to an indictment, the former employee used her position with the IRS to make unauthorized computer entries into the IRS’ Integrated Data Retrieval System. In 2009, she gained personal information on a taxpayer from whom she was renting a house in Philadelphia, investigators said. She then allegedly used that information to apply for credits from different credit card companies in the victim’s name. She was charged with aggravated identity theft, unauthorized inspection of tax returns, and other related offenses.  
Source: <http://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/local/Former-IRS-Employee-Steals-From-Taxpayer-Cops--161829965.html>
32. *July 9, KNDU 25 Richland; KNDO 23 Yakima* – (Washington) **Heritage University’s oldest building destroyed in fire.** The oldest building at Heritage University in Toppenish, Washington, was completely destroyed by a fire that started July 8. The fire burned from one end of the building to the other, and the roof and ceilings collapsed. The fire district five captain said, “when our crews first went in they weren’t able to

access it because of the design of the building and the ceiling space.” Petrie Hall housed the cafeteria, bookstore, several classrooms, and most of the IT offices. The school’s servers and computers were completely lost. The flames were believed to have originated somewhere in the cafeteria. Fire marshals will not be able to determine the cause until the fire completely burned out. “We don’t have enough water to put it out and it’s going to burn probably a good part of the week if not all week,” said the fire captain. About 60 firefighters joined forces to keep the blaze from spreading, and no other buildings were seriously damaged. Current damage is estimated to be around \$2.8 million.

Source: <http://www.kndo.com/story/18985869/heritage-universitys-oldest-building-destroyed-in-fire>

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

33. *July 9, WHTM 27 Harrisburg* – (Pennsylvania) **Police seeking police impersonators who stole from home.** Police are searching for three police impersonators who stole from a home July 6, said Lebanon, Pennsylvania police. Police said two men knocked on the front door and showed the homeowners police-type badges and were carrying guns. They said they were conducting an investigation and used flexible style handcuffs to secure both victims. The two suspects removed a small safe, three firearms, and an undisclosed amount of money from the home. Police said it appeared the suspects were familiar with some police tactics and investigative techniques, and believe the victims were specifically targeted.

Source: <http://www.abc27.com/story/18982291/police-seeking-police-impersonators-who-stole-from-home>

34. *July 9, Bangor Daily News* – (Maine) **Police searching for two men who walked out of Charleston correctional facility.** Police are searching for two men who escaped from the Charleston Correctional Facility in Charleston, Maine, July 8. The men broke out and are allegedly on the loose in the Glenburn area, according to a spokeswoman for the facility. She said the the two men “just walked out” of the minimum-security facility, which has no perimeter fence. State police officers were searching for the two men.

Source: <http://bangordailynews.com/2012/07/09/news/penobscot/police-searching-for-two-men-who-escaped-from-charleston-correctional-facility/>

35. *July 9, KTUU 2 Anchorage* – (Alaska) **Firefighter crew headquarters target of burglary.** Alaska State Troopers were investigating a burglary that took place at the Wasilla headquarters of two State wildfire suppression crews the weekend of July 7. State Division of Forestry officials said personal items and State equipment was stolen, including computers and at least one vehicle. The building is a home base for the Pioneer Peak Hot Shots crew who are fighting Utah wildfires, and the Gannett Glacier crew who just returned from the fire lines in Fairbanks. In 2009, the building was also

targeted: Vandals broke in and trashed the building, stole five vehicles, and damaged a few other parked cars. “I think it’s a secluded area, not much action happens around here. It’s down in a hole and they’re gone for months at a time so it’s honestly kind of perfect if it’s not heavily secured with surveillance,” a firefighter said. Forestry officials said the Gannett Glacier crew was supposed to help with wildfires in the Lower 48 States but must stay in Alaska until the burglary investigation is completed. Source: [http://articles.ktuu.com/2012-07-09/forestry-officials\\_32606669](http://articles.ktuu.com/2012-07-09/forestry-officials_32606669)

36. *July 9, Contra Costa Times* – (California) **Lafayette fire station 16 still closed; officials mull situation.** When California’s Contra Costa Fire District shut down its Station 16 in Lafayette in June, citing a possible mold contamination resulting from rodent infestation, it left the city with two fire stations instead of three and no engine in a brush-filled area known to be a severe fire hazard. But while district leaders are confident residents and their homes will continue to be protected, they are less certain when Station 16 will reopen, the Contra Costa Times reported July 9. Tests show mold at elevated levels but not outside of safe parameters, and the district is still waiting to hear back on the rodent infestation, said the fire chief. Station 16’s three crew members have been working from Station 15 since June 21, when the district shut the Los Arabis Road station down after a complaint about odors emanating from the air conditioning. Officials are also investigating rodent-related damage to the building’s ventilation system as well as a leak, which could have caused the mold. Officials said Station 16’s crew was continuing day training exercises in the area and that response times should be close to “normal.” Source: [http://www.contracostatimes.com/top-stories/ci\\_21038983/lafayette-fire-station-16-still-closed-officials-mull](http://www.contracostatimes.com/top-stories/ci_21038983/lafayette-fire-station-16-still-closed-officials-mull)

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## **Information Technology Sector**

37. *July 10, Network World* – (International) **Salesforce.com hit with second major outage in two weeks.** Salesforce.com suffered a significant service outage July 10, less than 2 weeks after another serious set of problems. The cloud-based customer relationship management vendor’s systems are divided into many instances around the world, each serving customers in different geographic regions. Seven instances went down at some time July 10 in North America, said a notice posted on Salesforce.com’s system status page. Shortly thereafter, several regions, which are part of a set of “sandbox” instance that Salesforce.com customers can use for development, testing, and new feature previewing, were also affected, according to the site. Salesforce.com’s Application Store also went down because it shares infrastructure with one instance, the site said in another update. A number of instances had yet to be restored and the search infrastructure for the instances experienced performance issues, according to an update. It was not immediately clear what caused the problems. Salesforce.com said “power problems” were detected and fixed, but the outages persisted. Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2012/071012-salesforcecom-hit-with-second-major-260785.html>



38. *July 10, Softpedia* – (International) **ICS-CERT warns of malware that spreads via USB drives.** The U.S. Industrial Control Systems Cyber Emergency Response Team (ICS-CERT) warned organizations to be cautious when handling removable media flash drives since there are many malicious elements that use them to spread. They cite an incident that took place in April 2012. Workers in an energy company identified a piece of malware on a USB stick left by mistake in the USB port of a human-machine interface (HMI) computer by another staffer. The Hamweq virus was not able to perform its tasks because it depended on the operating system’s auto-run function, which was disabled on all devices. If the auto-run feature was enabled, the threat could have injected malicious code and created a backdoor that may have been leveraged by the attackers to steal sensitive data. According to ICS-CERT, in order to avoid similar incidents, organizations should always properly mark removable media. They should also disable auto-run functions when possible. Other recommendations include the use of dedicated media for the same type of systems, and the separation of malfunctioning or potentially infected drives from ones cataloged as acceptable. The workers that operate industrial control systems should never connect removable media drives with an unknown origin to a system without properly checking first. They should also avoid using personally owned devices for work-related tasks.  
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/ICS-CERT-Warns-of-Malware-that-Spreads-Via-USB-Drives-280442.shtml>
39. *July 10, Dark Reading* – (International) **Best Buy says some customer accounts have been hacked.** Electronics retail chain Best Buy e-mailed customers the week of July 9 to inform them their accounts may have been hacked. According to news reports, Best Buy is disabling some customers’ e-mail accounts until the passwords are changed. “We are currently investigating increased attempts by hackers around the world to access accounts on BestBuy.com and other online retailers’ e-commerce sites,” says the retailer’s e-mail, sent July 6. “These hackers did not take username/password combinations from any Best Buy system; they appear to be using combinations taken elsewhere in an attempt to gain access to BestBuy.com accounts. The e-mail does not say how many Best Buy customers were affected, nor does it say exactly how the data might have been acquired.  
Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/identity-and-access-management/167901114/security/privacy/240003426/>
40. *July 10, SecurityWeek* – (International) **Malware now targeting banking applications on Android, says Trusteer.** Researchers at Trusteer discovered a type of attack targeting Android users via their desktops, with the aim of controlling both endpoint devices. So far, the malware itself is limited to Spain, Germany, the Netherlands, and Portugal. Trusteer’s discovery offers additional insight into the development of SpyEye and Tatanga, the families of malware making headlines recently. This time, Tatanga is combined with elements from SpyEye and used in a scheme to entice users to install an alleged security application. Based on what Trusteer published, it appears that this latest set of attacks is an upgrade and not a new infection point. Once an infected system visits a specialized or pre-determined domain (often banking related), Tatanga will use Web injects to entice the user to install the security application.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/malware-now-targeting-banking-applications-android-says-trusteer>

41. *July 10, CNNMoney* – (International) **Mobile ads can hijack your phone and steal your contacts.** Tens of thousands of smart-phone applications are running ads from rogue advertising networks that change smart-phone settings and take contact information without permission, according to a new study released July 9. Aggressive ad networks can disguise ads as text message notifications or app icons, and sometimes change browser settings and bookmarks. Often, the ads will upload your contacts list to the ad network's servers — information the ad network can then sell to marketers. As many as 5 percent of free mobile apps use an “aggressive” ad network to make money, according to Lookout, a San Francisco-based mobile security company. With millions of mobile apps in stores, that small percentage adds up to a big number. The study found that 19,200 of the 384,000 apps it tested used malicious ad networks. Those apps were downloaded 80 million times.

Source: <http://www.dailyfinance.com/2012/07/10/mobile-ads-can-hijack-your-phone-and-steal-your-contacts/>

42. *July 10, H Security* – (International) **HP warns of critical holes in its server monitoring software.** HP warned its customers about two security vulnerabilities in its Operations Agent server monitoring software. According to the company, unspecified errors in the enterprise software for AIX, HP-UX, Linux, Solaris, and Windows can be exploited by a remote attacker to compromise a vulnerable system and execute arbitrary code. Both of these errors have a Common Vulnerability Scoring System base score of 10.0, the highest possible severity rating. Versions prior to 11.03.12 on all supported platforms are affected; upgrading to 11.03.12 corrects the problems. The vulnerabilities were reported to HP by a researcher via TippingPoint's Zero Day Initiative. A full list of affected versions and patch download information can be found in the HP's security advisory. The company advises all administrators to install the patches as soon as possible.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/HP-warns-of-critical-holes-in-its-server-monitoring-software-1635925.html>

43. *July 9, Threatpost* – (International) **Deep packet inspection firm Cyberoam issues fix following private key leak.** Network security firm Cyberoam issued an over the air update for all of its deep packet inspection devices July 9 after a decrypted version of the company's universal private key was leaked online the weekend of July 7. The New Jersey-based company pushed the hotfix after an anonymous commenter posted what was apparently a master privacy key for all of its devices on a blog belonging to anonymity network Tor July 8. After the update, each Cyberoam product will have had a new, unique key generated. Claiming it understands the “critical nature” of the issue at hand, Cyberoam said it is being singled out by Tor, and that there are other companies who also use a universal certificate authority. These firms, much like Cyberoam before its update, only put its devices at risk “when providing a HTTPS deep scan.”

Source: [http://threatpost.com/en\\_us/blogs/deep-packet-inspection-firm-cyberoam-issues-fix-following-private-key-leak-070912](http://threatpost.com/en_us/blogs/deep-packet-inspection-firm-cyberoam-issues-fix-following-private-key-leak-070912)

44. *July 9, TechWeekEurope UK* – (International) **Back-up supplier Acronis apologises for data leak.** Back-up vendor Acronis admitted some of its customers’ data leaked onto the Web, as it opens an investigation into what went wrong. Acronis said certain information from its knowledge base was opened up to everyone after the access control settings were reset to default. The back-up supplier said most of the content was not “sensitive or confidential.” “However, it did contain an older spreadsheet listing just the email addresses of customers who had been entitled to a free product upgrade and their upgrade license key. In compliance with our customer information security policies, no other identifying information was contained in this spreadsheet,” explained the chief customer officer at Acronis.

Source: <http://www.techweekeurope.co.uk/news/acronis-data-breach-85451>

45. *July 9, The Register* – (International) **ISPs step in to supply DNSChanger safety net.** The DNSChanger Working Group’s replacement DNS servers were taken offline as scheduled July 9. However, rather than leaving an estimated 300,000 machines without Internet services, many ISPs configured their own substitute DNS servers, so some infected machines still have a safety net. This means that the “infection count continues to decrease without a major crisis in support calls,” according to net security firm F-Secure. The security firm fielded three DNSChanger support queries of its own July 9. DNSChanger manipulated the domain name system settings of infected machines, redirecting users to dodgy Web sites as part of a long-running cybercrime. The FBI dismantled the botnet’s command-and-control infrastructure in November 2011, as part of Operation GhostClick.

Source: [http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/07/09/dnschanger\\_plug\\_pulled/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2012/07/09/dnschanger_plug_pulled/)

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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

46. *July 9, Abilene Reporter-News* – (Texas) **Lightning knocks KACU-FM off the air.** A lightning strike during a July 8 thunderstorm in Texas knocked KACU 89.7 FM Abilene off the air, and the station was unlikely unable to broadcast over the airwaves again until July 10. The broadcast engineer for Abilene Public Radio said he went to the studio July 8 after the station’s audio fell silent, and he found the equipment that sends a signal to a transmitter damaged by a lightning strike. The parts have to be shipped to Abilene from California. The broadcast engineer said he hoped to have them installed by July 10.

Source: <http://www.reporternews.com/news/2012/jul/09/lightning-knocks-kacu-fm-air/>

47. *July 9, WTRF 7 Wheeling* – (West Virginia) **Generators stolen from Frontier Communications.** According to a news release, thieves stole six generators from the Frontier Communications facilities in New Martinsville, West Virginia, WTRF 7 Wheeling reported July 9. The Wetzel County company relied on generators and batteries since a June 29 windstorm. Frontier’s general manager asked anyone with information to call their tip line at 1-800-590-6605. He said the thefts are significantly hindering local recovery efforts.  
Source: <http://www.wtrf.com/story/18985760/generators-stolen-from-frontier-communications>
48. *July 9, CBS News* – (National) **Sun storms: solar activity at fiery high.** The first week of July was an intense period of solar flares, and it showed no signs of stopping, CBS News reported July 9. The week of July 2 saw several huge solar flares, the biggest of which occurred July 6. Labeled an X1.1 class solar flare — the strongest classification used by the U.S. Space Weather Prediction Center — the sun storm caused radio blackouts on Earth as particles ejected from the sun crashed into the planet’s atmosphere. It was the fifth X-class solar flare of 2012. Earlier the week of July 2, several other powerful solar flares erupted from the sun. Most of them appear to be coming from the same area, a giant sunspot called AR1515. Technically a group of sunspots, AR1515 is an enormous plain of volatile activity.  
Source: [http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-205\\_162-57468785/sun-storms-solar-activity-at-fiery-high/](http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-205_162-57468785/sun-storms-solar-activity-at-fiery-high/)
49. *July 9, New York Times* – (National) **AT&T to start blocking stolen cellphones this week.** AT&T said it expects to start a program the week of July 9 that will keep track of devices reported stolen, making it more difficult for thieves to sell the devices on the black market. The company said its database would initially prevent reactivation of stolen devices on its own network. Later in 2012, it plans to expand the database to work with other carriers. In April, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) said it was working with police departments and wireless carriers to create a database to combat cellphone theft nationwide. Over the last year, one out of three robberies in the United States was related to the theft of a cellphone, the FCC said. Verizon Wireless, the number one carrier in the United States, said that unlike AT&T, it has had its own database for disabling stolen cellphones on its network for years. Verizon will also be participating in the nationwide database when it becomes available later in 2012, said a Verizon spokeswoman.  
Source: <http://bits.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/07/09/att-cellphone-theft/>

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## **Commercial Facilities Sector**

50. *July 10, Associated Press* – (Iowa) **Water problems force closure of Iowa waterpark.** Iowa officials closed a motel, restaurant, and waterpark until the water supply could be made safe to drink, the Associated Press reported July 10. The

businesses in Williamsburg include the Clarion Inn, which houses the Wasserbahn Waterpark and Seven Villages Restaurant. A reporter said a water test reported to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) showed E. coli bacteria in the motel's well water. Public health officials said no one reported being sickened during or after a recent visit to the motel or nearby businesses. The DNR could not yet say how the bacteria were entering the water system.

Source: <http://www.woi-tv.com/story/18989609/water-problems-force-closure-of-iowa-waterpark>

51. *July 10, KGTV 10 San Diego* – (California) **Fire destroys historic building in National City.** A two-alarm fire that destroyed a historic building in National City, California, July 9 caused more than \$1 million in damage. The blaze broke out shortly at a Victorian-style building, which had been in the neighborhood since the late 1800s. Emergency personnel arrived to find heavy black smoke and flames pouring out of the wooden structure, which housed many businesses and top-floor apartments, said fire officials. The building was transformed over the years into several apartments, businesses, a hair salon, and a check cashing store. All are a total loss. One firefighter was taken to a hospital to be treated for burns to his ears. He was later released and is expected to be fine. The fire burned so long and hot that several other firefighters were checked out before being allowed back on the front lines. About 50 firefighters from four neighboring agencies responded.  
Source: <http://www.10news.com/news/31258623/detail.html>
52. *July 9, San Francisco Chronicle* – (California) **Oakland shooting outside movie theater wounds 5.** An argument between two groups of people outside a movie multiplex in Oakland, California, erupted in gunfire that wounded five people and sent theater customers scrambling for cover, police said July 9. The victims were wounded when a man opened fire at a crowd outside a movie theater July 8 before fleeing on foot and then possibly getting into a car, police said. The gunman was in a group involved in an argument with a second group near the theater shortly before the shooting, said a police spokeswoman. The street was crowded with theater customers, who scattered when the gunfire broke out. Some ran to a nearby hotel. None of the victims suffered life-threatening wounds, police said. One of the wounded underwent surgery, and four others suffered minor wounds, authorities said. No arrests were made.  
Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/crime/article/Oakland-shooting-outside-movie-theater-wounds-5-3693110.php>
53. *July 9, WMAR 2 Baltimore* – (Maryland) **Investigators seek cause in three-alarm fire.** An early morning fire July 8 drove residents an apartment complex in Laurel, Maryland, out of the burning structure. By the time firefighters extinguished the flames, 20 of 24 units were destroyed. Fire investigators were still trying to determine the cause of the fire, but some victims said it was no mystery to them. “We say it was a propane tank in the back that started the fire,” said a resident. The American Red Cross responded with money for food, clothing, and shelter, and it put most of the victims up at a hotel in Jessup. The estimated damage to the apartment building was set at \$700,000.



Source: [http://www.abc2news.com/dpp/news/region/howard\\_county/investigators-look-cause-in-three-alarm-fire](http://www.abc2news.com/dpp/news/region/howard_county/investigators-look-cause-in-three-alarm-fire)

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## **National Monuments and Icons Sector**

54. *July 10, Chattanooga Times Free Press* – (Tennessee) **1,600 acres expected to be consumed in Cherokee National Forest.** Firefighters hoped to contain one of the largest wildfires burning in the Southeast before it becomes the largest one, the Chattanooga Times Free Press reported July 10. Eventually the Ocoee blaze in Tennessee — dubbed the “Powerline Fire” — will consume about 1,600 acres before rangers expect to be able to bring it under control, said an acting district ranger of the Ocoee Ranger Station of the Cherokee National Forest. The blaze began July 5 when high winds toppled power poles along U.S. 64 and sparks ignited the dry woods. July 9, calmer winds still caught rising flames and sent sparks across Forest Road 77 at the ridge crest. The fire was 15 percent contained by July 9. The Ocoee fire is 1 of about 7 burning in the 650,000-acre Cherokee National Forest. Stretching south and north of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park along Tennessee’s eastern border, the forest is the largest tract of public land in Tennessee. It adjoins other national forests in Virginia, North Carolina, and Georgia.

Source: <http://www.fireengineering.com/news/2012/07/10/1-600-acres-expected-to-be-consumed-in-cherokee-national-forest.html>

55. *July 9, Associated Press* – (National) **Firefighters gain ground but struggle in Idaho.** Firefighters gained ground on a number of wildfires across the West but struggled in southern Idaho, where winds fanned a fast-moving blaze across nearly 300 square miles of sagebrush and dry grass, authorities said July 9. More firefighters were headed to the Idaho wildfire that was sparked by a July 7 lightning storm and had spread to 190,000 acres. The wildfire had spread on the Saylor Creek bombing range, a training space operated by the Mountain Home Air Force Base, by July 9. Firefighters made progress in California, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, and Montana, where the country’s biggest wildfire is burning, according to the National Interagency Fire Center. The 250,000-acre Ash Creek Fire in Montana was 90 percent contained and expected to be fully contained later July 9. Also burning in southeastern Montana was the Taylor Creek Fire, which has charred more than 62,000 acres about 12 miles southeast of Fort Howes. That fire was 65 percent contained. In northern California, a wildfire burning near a main highway in the eastern Sierra Nevada was more than 85 percent contained. The 1,103-acre blaze west of Highway 395 was spotted July 7 and briefly threatened about 300 homes but had no active flames July 9. Crews battling the 1,600-acre Sites Complex Fire near the farming community of Maxwell in Colusa County had the fire at 10 percent containment. Several miles to the west, a wildfire in the Mendocino National Forest, estimated at around 2,500 acres, was 10 percent contained and led to the closure of campgrounds and the evacuation of a handful of homes July 9. In Utah, the 108,000-acre Clay Springs Fire in Millard and Juab counties



was 91 percent contained, officials said.

Source: <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=156522457>

56. *July 9, Salt Lake Tribune* – (Utah) **Utah crews making progress on five wildfires.** Crews in Utah continued to gain ground July 9 on the five wildfires burning across the State. The Clay Springs Fire in Millard County, which has burned 108,132 acres, was 94 percent contained. That fire injured two people and the cost of fighting it has reached an estimated \$6.1 million. The fire was human-caused, and was burning since June 27. The Seeley Fire in Carbon County was 76 percent contained and has burned 47,578 acres. The cause of the fire, which started June 26, was attributed to lightning. Evacuation orders for Scofield, Miller Flat Reservoir area, Hog Flat area, and two youth camps were lifted. However, evacuation orders remained for the Electric Lake area, Clear Creek, and Cleveland Camp Ground. Highway 31 through the fire area was closed. The Shingle Fire in Kane County was 90 percent contained with 100 percent containment expected by July 10. Caused by sparks from an ATV, it burned about 8,000 acres and injured 4 people. Evacuation orders were lifted July 9 by the Kane County Sheriff's Office for Harris Flat, the Old Highway 14 areas, Stout and Dairy Canyon subdivisions, and Heaton Ranch. The Quail Fire above Alpine was 97 percent contained after burning 2,222 acres and destroying a barn. Officials anticipated it would be 100 percent contained by July 13. At last report, the lightning-caused Wolf Den Fire continued to burn about 40 miles south of Vernal, but was about 60 percent contained. It burned about 19,865 acres and was expected to be contained August 1. Source: <http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/54455138-78/fire-contained-percent-acres.html.csp>

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## **Dams Sector**

57. *July 9, Associated Press* – (Missouri) **Work to resume at damaged Birds Point levee.** Work resumed on the intentionally breached Birds Point levee in southeast Missouri since a protest to a construction bid was deemed “without merit” by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Associated Press reported July 9. An Oklahoma company protested the \$20 million in contracts awarded to three other companies to rebuild the levee, which was intentionally breached at the height of 2011 flooding along the Mississippi River. The breach relieved pressure on the flood wall at nearby Cairo, Illinois, but damaged 130,000 acres of Missouri farmland and damaged dozens of homes. A project update issued July 6 by the Corps said the protest was overruled by the chief counsel of the Corps' Missouri Valley Division. The Corps was working to get all the equipment back in place and ready to go before they begin moving dirt again. A public affairs specialist with the Corps' Memphis District, said the project was on hold for about 2.5 weeks. He expected crews to start moving dirt the week of July 9. Source: <http://www.kfvs12.com/story/18982931/work-to-resume-at-damaged-se-mo-levee>
58. *July 9, WVIT 30 New Britain* – (Connecticut) **Spoonville dam demolition begins.** After months of research and planning, crews in East Granby and Bloomfield,

Connecticut, started a project to demolish Spoonville dam, located at the lower end of Tariffville Gorge, which connects to the Farmington River, WVIT 30 New Britain reported July 9. Officials said they are removing the dam because they want to improve safety for people who use the area for recreation because there have been multiple deaths there. Built in 1899, Spoonville dam served as a hydropower facility but has not been used much since the 1950s when a hurricane destroyed it. The project will also help restore historic fish migrations from the Atlantic Ocean to the Farmington River. Machines — not explosives, will take the dam apart and the concrete will be recycled. Demolition of the dam, which is owned by Connecticut Light and Power, is expected to last through August.

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