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Energy Sector

1. *June 3, Maritime Executive* – (Alaska) **Cargo ship suffers fire, oil leak in Alaska.** Transformer oil leaking from multiple containers on the BBC Arizona at the Valdez Container Terminal in Port Valdez ignited a fire that was contained and cleaned while the ship was decontaminated May 31. The U.S. Coast Guard is continuing to monitor the ship after hot work operations led to the ignition of the leaking oil.
Source: <http://www.maritime-executive.com/article/Cargo-Ship-Suffers-Fire-Oil-Leak-in-Alaska-2013-06-03/>
2. *June 3, Oklahoman* – (Oklahoma) **Power outages continue in central Oklahoma Monday from Friday storms.** Nearly 24,000 homes and businesses lost power in the Oklahoma City area after a series of storms knocked out electricity May 31.
Source: <http://newsok.com/power-outages-continue-in-central-oklahoma-monday-from-friday-storms/article/3841284>
3. *June 1, Boston Herald* – (Massachusetts) **Tanker spills fuel into mystic.** An overturned tanker truck unloaded 1,000 gallons of toxic diesel fuel into the Mystic River in Arlington, Massachusetts, closing the Mystic Valley Parkway and causing the evacuation of several homes as fumes circulated the air. Crews worked to clean up the fuel and the cause of the accident is under investigation.
Source: http://bostonherald.com/news_opinion/local_coverage/2013/05/tanker_spills_fuel_into_mystic

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Chemical Industry Sector

4. *June 2, WTVO 17 Rockford* – (Illinois) **Seward residents evacuated after chemical plant explosion.** The town of Seward was evacuated after an explosion and fire at the Nova-Kem Plant, a chemical processing facility.
Source: http://mystateline.com/fulltext-news?nxd_id=401832
5. *June 1, WYFF 4 Greenville* – (South Carolina) **Emergency crews respond to apparent chemical leak.** A chemical leak at Sunland Distribution in Greenville County prompted emergency crews to spend several hours securing and cleaning the area.
Source: <http://www.wyff4.com/news/local-news/greenville-news/emergency-crews-respond-to-apparent-chemical-leak/-/9654794/20388000/-/isigey/-/index.html>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

6. *June 3, Edmunds.com* – (International) **2013 Ford Explorer among 465,000 Ford vehicles recalled for leaky fuel tanks.** Ford announced the recall of 465,000 model year 2013 Ford Explorer, Taurus, Flex, Fusion, Interceptor Utility, Interceptor Sedan and Lincoln MKT, MKS, and MKZ vehicles due to potentially leaky fuel tanks. 389,151 of the vehicles are in the U.S.
Source: <http://www.edmunds.com/car-news/2013-ford-explorer-among-465000-ford-vehicles-recalled-for-leaky-fuel-tanks.html>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Financial Services Sector

7. *June 3, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (National) **SEC suspends trading of 61 companies ripe for fraud in over-the-counter market.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission suspended trading in the securities of 61 companies seemingly no longer in business to prevent their use by fraudsters in ‘pump and dump’ investment schemes.
Source: <http://www.sec.gov/news/press/2013/2013-97.htm>

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Transportation Systems Sector

8. *June 3, WKMG 6 Orlando* – (Florida) **Woman killed in fatal Orlando DUI crash identified.** A fatal accident at the intersection of State Road 535 and World Center Drive in Orlando prompted authorities to close the intersection for several hours.
Source: <http://www.clickorlando.com/news/woman-dies-in-violent-rearend-crash/-/1637132/20396772/-/93jl3a/-/index.html>
9. *June 3, KTRK 13 Houston* – (Texas) **Firefighter injured in accident on Highway 288.** All northbound lanes on Highway 288 in Houston were shut down for several hours following an accident involving a fire truck in which 2 people were injured.

Source: <http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=news/local&id=9122468>

10. *June 2, KITV 4 Honolulu* – (Hawaii) **One dead, two injured after Makapu'u motorcycle crash.** A fatal collision closed Kalaniana'ole Highway in Honolulu for about 4 hours while authorities investigated the scene
Source: <http://www.kitv.com/news/hawaii/initial-one-dead-two-injured-after-makapuu-motorcycle-crash/-/8905354/20394022/-/34ot77/-/index.html>
11. *May 31, KCOY 12 Santa Maria* – (Oklahoma) **Tornado touches down in Oklahoma; airport evacuated.** A tornado prompted authorities to evacuate the Will Rogers Airport and move all passengers to an underground tunnel.
Source: <http://www.kcoy.com/story/22473446/fox-tornado-touches-down-in-oklahoma>
12. *May 31, Arizona Republic* – (Arizona) **4 killed when 2 planes crash midair over north Phoenix.** Two single-engine planes collided above a remote desert area in north Phoenix, killing four individuals.
Source: <http://www.azcentral.com/community/northvalley/articles/20130531phoenix-planes-crash-abrk.html>
13. *May 30, Las Vegas Sun* – (Nevada) **Ruptured fuel tank causes spill, traffic jam on Interstate 15.** A fuel spill from a ruptured tractor-trailer fuel tank caused the left two lanes of southbound Interstate 15 in Las Vegas to close for several hours while crews cleaned up the spill.
Source: <http://www.lasvegassun.com/news/2013/may/30/ruptured-fuel-tank-causes-spill-traffic-jam-inters/>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

14. *June 3, Food Safety News* – (Hawaii) **Outbreak of rare strain of Hepatitis A spreads to Hawaii.** Hawaii was the sixth State to be added to the growing outbreak of a rare strain of hepatitis A, adding two more individuals to the list of those sickened nationwide.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/06/outbreak-of-rare-strain-of-hepatitis-a-spreads-to-hawaii/>
15. *May 31, Food Safety News* – (Georgia) **18 sickened in E. coli outbreak linked to Georgia BBQ restaurant.** Approximately 18 people were sickened by an E. coli outbreak linked to the BBQ Shack restaurant in Toccoa.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/05/18-sickened-in-e-coli-outbreak-linked-to-georgia-bbq-restaurant/>

16. *May 31, Food Safety News* – (National) **30 Hepatitis A illnesses linked to Organic Berries sold at Costco.** A recent outbreak of a rare Hepatitis A strain is believed to be associated with frozen mixed berries purchased from Costco and is being investigated by multiple agencies.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/05/hepatitis-a-illnesses-linked-to-organic-berries-sold-at-costco/>
17. *May 31, Mercury News* – (California) **Lead-tainted ginger case: State sues Trader Joe's, Whole Foods, others.** The California State Attorney's Office accused several large California grocery stores, including Trader Joe's and Whole Foods, of selling lead-tainted ginger and plum candies.
Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/business/ci_23366231/lead-tainted-ginger-case-state-sues-trader-joes

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

18. *June 2, Denver Post* – (Colorado) **5 million gallons pour from water main into Denver's Lower Highland.** Denver Water crews worked to repair a 24-inch water main break May 30 which spilled 5 million gallons of water in the Lower Highland area and expected to have the repairs completed by June 1. The spill shut down two lanes of Interstate 25 and damaged businesses.
Source: http://www.denverpost.com/breakingnews/ci_23366470/many-belly-up-denver-bars-5-million-gallons

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

Nothing to report

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Government Facilities Sector

19. *June 3, Chillicothe Gazette* – (South Carolina) **Southeastern students involved in bus crash.** A tour bus accident left the driver dead and sent the remaining 54 individuals to the hospital after it crashed June 2 in Walterboro. The bus was carrying students and chaperones from Southeastern High School near Chillicothe home after they conducted a performance at Walt Disney World May 31.
Source:
<http://www.chillicothegazette.com/article/20130602/NEWS01/306020002/Students-involved-in-bus-crash>

20. *June 2, Associated Press* – (California) **Powerhouse Fire evacuations affect nearly 1,000 homes in Lake Hughes, Lake Elizabeth.** The Powerhouse Fire burned roughly 35 square miles in the Angeles National Forest and was 20 percent contained by June 2 as officials evacuated nearly 3,000 people after the fire destroyed at least 6 homes and damaged 15 others. The fire prompted several road closures and evacuation orders for campsites as crews continued to battle the blaze.
Source: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/06/02/powerhouse-fire-evacuations_n_3375068.html
21. *May 31, Associated Press* – (Alaska) **New lightning-caused fire burning 100 acres.** Emergency crews worked to contain a 100-acre wildfire in Alaska that was caused by lightning.
Source: <http://www.adn.com/2013/05/31/2922969/new-lightning-caused-fire-burning.html>
22. *May 31, Huntington Herald-Dispatch* – (West Virginia) **W.Va. park mostly recovered from storm damage.** West Virginia officials reopened campgrounds at Holly River State Park and restored electricity and some phone service after the park suffered extensive damage from Superstorm Sandy. Trails remain closed as crews are still cleaning debris due to massive tree loss.
Source: <http://www.herald-dispatch.com/news/briefs/x517209010/W-Va-park-mostly-recovered-from-storm-damage>
23. *May 31, Hannibal Courier-Post* – (Missouri) **Park beach now closed.** The Missouri Department of Natural Resources closed the swimming beach at Wakonda State Park in La Grange after water samples detected high levels of bacteria.
Source: <http://www.hannibal.net/article/20130531/NEWS/130539743/-1/Columns>
24. *May 31, Lower Hudson Valley Journal News* – (New York) **No students aboard Tarrytowns school bus in I-684 fire.** A fire erupted on a Tarrytowns school bus May 31 in Lewisboro possibly caused by a battery or alternator. No students were on the bus at the time and there were no injuries.
Source: <http://www.lohud.com/article/20130531/NEWS02/305310033/No-students-aboard-Tarrytowns-school-bus-684-fire>
25. *May 31, U.S. Forest Service* – (Arkansas) **Heavy storms damage Ouachita National Forest, some areas temporarily closed.** Authorities temporarily closed the Shady Lane Loop at Cedar Lake and the Charlton Recreation Area in Garland County at the Ouachita National Forest after heavy storms caused blocked roads, washed-out culverts, and damaged bridges and campsites.
Source: <http://www.thv11.com/news/article/267475/2/Heavy-storms-damage-Ouachita-National-Forest-some-areas-temporarily-closed>
26. *May 31, Rapid City Journal* – (Wyoming) **Rain closes National Forest roads.** Roads were closed in the Wyoming portion of the Black Hills National Forest due to wash outs from continuous rain. Officials will continue to monitor the roadways but believe

they could have more road damage and urged the public to use caution.

Source: http://rapidcityjournal.com/news/rain-closes-national-forest-roads/article_30ad4bba-caeb-5776-b1ea-b3ff2aaf1924.html

27. *May 31, Austin American-Statesman* – (Texas) **Officials: Someone tried to make acid bomb at North Austin school.** Burnet Middle School in North Austin was evacuated after a security guard discovered what appeared to be an unfinished acid bomb in a boy's bathroom. Five students and three adults were treated for the effects of chemical vapors May 31.

Source: http://www.mystatesman.com/news/news/crime-law/officials-someone-tried-to-make-acid-bomb-at-north/nX8RF/?icmp=statesman_internallink_invitationbox_apr2013_statesmanstubtom_ystatesman_launch

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Emergency Services Sector

28. *June 3, WFMZ 69 Allentown* – (Pennsylvania) **Verizon investigating what caused Carbon County' 9-1-1 center to go down.** Carbon County officials are investigating the cause of a 3 hour disruption of 9-1-1 services June 1. Verizon attributed the malfunction to a network error and are also investigating the matter.

Source: <http://www.wfmz.com/news/news-regional-lehighvalley/verizon-investigating-what-caused-911-center-to-go-down/-/132502/20392468/-/41v46gz/-/index.html>

29. *June 1, WPTV 5 West Palm Beach* – (Florida) **Gas leak evacuated Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center.** The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center lost power due to a gas leak and was evacuated June 1.

Source: http://www.wptv.com/dpp/news/region_c_palm_beach_county/gas-leak-evacuated-palm-beach-county-sheriffs-office-dispatch-center

30. *June 1, Atlanta Journal Constitution* – (Georgia) **Paramedics taken on wild ride in back of stolen ambulance.** A patient from Emory University Hospital in Atlanta stole an ambulance parked at the hospital while two paramedics were inside. The patient crashed into a chiropractor's office injuring the two paramedics and fled on foot.

Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/news/local/stolen-ambulance-crashes-into-building-in-dekalb-c/nX8kn/>

31. *May 31, Myrtle Beach Sun News* – (South Carolina) **911 service 8 SC counties disrupted, restored.** Eight counties in South Carolina lost 9-1-1 service for nearly 2 hours May 31 when the network device was accidentally deactivated during maintenance work.

Source: <http://www.thestate.com/2013/05/31/2796776/911-service-8-sc-counties-disrupted.html>

32. *May 31, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **Howard Co. police helicopter damaged in emergency landing in football field, no injuries.** A mechanical problem forced an

emergency landing of a Howard County Police Department's helicopter while they were responding to an emergency call May 30. The helicopter sustained extensive damaged after it landed in the field at Wilde Lake High School.

Source:

<http://www.tribtown.com/view/story/5dfbfb3436fd4f0991d3ada137778da0/MD--Helicopter-Emergency-Landing>

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Information Technology Sector

33. *June 3, Softpedia* – (International) **DNSimple hit by major DDOS attack.** Hosted DNS service DNSimple reported coming under a large distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack May 31, and that it continued to be under attack June 3.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/DNSimple-Hit-by-Major-DDOS-Attack-6-3-2013-358037.shtml>
34. *June 3, SC Magazine* – (International) **DDoS sends EVE Online offline.** Massively multiplayer games EVE Online and DUST 514 were knocked offline due to a massive, sustained distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack beginning June 2.
Source: <http://www.scmagazine.com.au/News/345389,ddos-sends-eve-online-offline.aspx>
35. *June 3, Softpedia* – (International) **Financial exchange platform hit by 167 Gbps DNS reflection DDOS attack.** Prolexic revealed that a financial exchange platform that is a client of the company experienced the largest distributed denial of service (DDoS) attack in Prolexic's history that peaked at 167 Gbps May 27.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Financial-Exchange-Platform-Hit-by-167-Gbps-DNS-Reflection-DDOS-Attack-357802.shtml>
36. *June 3, Softpedia* – (International) **Experts observe increase in Red Kit exploit kit activity.** Researchers at Zscaler noted an increase in the number of Web sites compromised by the Red Kit exploit kit.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Experts-Observe-Increase-in-Red-Kit-Exploit-Kit-Activity-357863.shtml>
37. *June 1, V3.co.uk* – (International) **Hackers' Citadel and Koobface trojans pose major threats to business data.** McAfee's Q1 2013 Threat Report listed new versions of the Citadel and Koobface trojans as two of the biggest threats to businesses, among other findings.
Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2272303/hackers-citadel-and-koobface-trojans-pose-major-threats-to-business-data>

Internet Alert Dashboard

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Communications Sector

38. *June 1, WHAM 13 Rochester* – (New York) **Phone lines back on in Ontario County.** Ontario County phone service and 9-1-1 service was down for several hours June 1.
Source: <http://www.13wham.com/mostpopular/story/Ontario-County-911-cell-phones/gwgONXIPGUyzccuEZ3bH8g.csp>
39. *June 1, Killeen Daily Herald* – (Texas) **KNCT-FM returns to air with temporary transmitter.** KNCT 91.3 FM Killeen, a public radio station for Central Texas, was able to broadcast to Killeen and surrounding areas after a low-power, temporary transmitter was set up May 30, ending a two week period where the station was off radio due to a lightning strike to its antenna. Complete repairs could take as long as six weeks.
Source: http://kdhnews.com/news/briefs/knct-fm-returns-to-air-with-temporary-transmitter/article_927b17e4-ca6f-11e2-ab81-0019bb30f31a.html

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Commercial Facilities Sector

40. *June 1, Reno Gazette-Journal* – (Nevada) **Dozens evacuated after El Cortez hotel carbon monoxide leak.** Reno firefighters responded to a hot water system-caused carbon monoxide leak June 1 which displaced approximately 45 guests from the El Cortez hotel and others from a nearby salon. This is the second occurrence of a carbon monoxide leak at the in downtown Reno hotel over several weeks.
Source: <http://www.rgj.com/article/20130601/NEWS/130601008/Scanner-Carbon-monoxide-leak-Arlington-Avenue-Reno-El-Cortez-An-Epic-Salon-evacuated>
41. *June 1, St. Paul Pioneer Press* – (Minnesota) **St. Louis Park apartment residents evacuated.** The St. Louis Fire Department responded to a St. Louis Park apartment building after residents notified them of a strange smell in the building's garage, prompting a 3 hour evacuation while they investigated.
Source: http://www.twincities.com/localnews/ci_23370472/st-louis-park-apartment-residents-evacuated
42. *June 1, Associated Press* – (Texas) **4 firefighters killed in Houston motel fire.** A five-alarm blaze at Houston's Southwest Inn started at the motel's restaurant and bar and caused a structural collapse that killed four firefighters and left several others injured as

more than 150 firefighters battled the fire for 2 hours.

Source: <http://news.msn.com/us/4-firefighters-killed-in-houston-motel-fire>

43. *May 31, Los Angeles Fire Department* – (California) **Three firefighters injured in arson Hollywood apartment blaze.** Firefighters contained an intentionally set fire at a 16-unit two-story Hollywood apartment building after more than 2 hours May 31. The blaze left three firefighters injured, 42 residents displaced, and an estimated \$1.2 million worth of damage to the structure and its contents.

Source: <http://lafd.blogspot.com/2013/05/three-firefighters-injured-in-major.html>

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Dams Sector

44. *June 2, KCRG 9 Cedar Rapids* – (Iowa) **Army Corps to close Coralville Dam to public.** The Army Corps of Engineers is expected to close sections of the Coralville Dam June 3 after increased volume of water and rainfall has increased visitor interest and possible danger.

Source: <http://www.kcrg.com/news/local/Army-Corps-to-Close-Coralville-Dam-to-Public-209877101.html>

45. *June 1, WHO-DT 13 Des Moines* – (Iowa) **Coralville reservoir: Millions in damage expected.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers opened the Coralville reservoir gates June 1 thereby increasing the release down the Iowa River in preparation for increased water levels which are expected to top the emergency spillway by June 6. The increased water level is expected to cause damage to dozens of Johnson County structures with a preliminary estimate of damages totaling between \$4-5 million.

Source: <http://whotv.com/2013/06/01/coralville-reservoir-millions-in-damage-expected/>

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