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# NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY



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## **NORTH DAKOTA**

**Releases can't keep up with high inflows at reservoirs.** Jamestown, North Dakota, is holding back a record amount of water for this time of the year in its two flood-control dams.

Jamestown Reservoir was at 1,444.47 feet elevation July 26 and, according to data from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the National Weather Service, needs to drop 13.47 feet by November 1. Nearby Pipestem Dam was at 1,480.63 feet elevation and needs to drop by 38.13 feet by November 1 as well. Weather forecasts said water levels show no signs of backing down. The Corps took short-term action and reduced outflows for the Jamestown Reservoir by 200 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 600 cfs July 26. Pipestem was releasing at 1,000 cfs. Source: <http://www.jamestownsun.com/event/article/id/140819/>

**Golden Valley oil well still burning after explosion.** It will take several more days before crews can begin to get a burning oil well in Golden Valley County, North Dakota, that injured three men under control, officials said. Cyclone Drilling, Inc. employees were working on the site 30 miles northeast of Beach when "natural gas flowing uncontrolled out of the well was ignited by rig engines or electrical systems," causing an explosion July 24 said the director of the North Dakota Department of Mineral Resources. The well has been burning ever since. The vice president of public affairs for Continental Resources, which owns the well, described the flame coming out of the well as similar to a pilot light and getting weaker. However, the flame flared intermittently, sending flames as high as 40 feet in the air, he added. Well fire specialists from Texas-based Wild Well Control Inc. were working to get it under control, the Continental vice president said. He does not know when the fire will be extinguished, but well control operations will begin in 4 to 6 days, he said. The well site is restricted, and members of the public are not allowed within miles of it due to safety concerns, the Golden Valley County emergency manager said. Source: <http://www.thedickinsonpress.com/event/article/id/49948/>

**Boil order lifted at Minot Air Force Base; flooding prompted order for nearly a month.** A boil order at the Minot Air Force Base in Minot, North Dakota was lifted over the weekend of July 23 and 24. Souris River flooding and problems at Minot's water treatment plant prompted the state department of health to issue a boil order in June for users of city water. The order also applied to the Minot Air Force Base, about 13 miles north of town, which gets its drinking water from Minot's municipal system. The Minot base is home to about 4,800 active duty military personnel. Source: <http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/c6dec244a4f74de7ad5cb9dfb2cf9550/ND--Air-Force-Water/>

**Oil well explodes near Beach.** An explosion at an oil well northeast of Beach, North Dakota, July 24 put two workers in the hospital and local fire crews kept watch at the site into the night as the well site continued to burn. The explosion occurred on a Cyclone drilling rig about 30 miles northeast of Beach, near the Billings County line. The Golden Valley County emergency manager said the explosion occurred sometime near 10 a.m., caused by a gas bubble encountered in the drilling process. She said a number of workers were at the site at the time. Sentinel Butte, Beach, and Golva volunteer firefighters responded. Source:

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[http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/oil-well-explodes-near-beach/article\\_5d48a352-b671-11e0-a37a-001cc4c002e0.html](http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/oil-well-explodes-near-beach/article_5d48a352-b671-11e0-a37a-001cc4c002e0.html)

### **REGIONAL**

**(Minnesota) Wet conditions continue; dams release record amounts of water.** On the Otter Tail River near Fergus Falls, Minnesota, about four times as much water as normal for July is rushing through the Orwell dam. The Otter Tail joins the Bois de Sioux at Breckenridge to form the Red River. "Typically this time of year we'd be at 350, 400 cubic feet per second," said the man who maintains the dam for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. "And we've been well over 1,200 all through this season. It's unprecedented. We're charting new territory if you will." One cubic foot per second (cfs) of water equals 7.8 gallons. The Orwell Dam averaged more than 1,000 cfs daily for the past 12 months. Flows through the dam have never been so great or sustained since it was built in 1948, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. Lake Traverse and Mud Lake which feed the Bois de Sioux River are also high, said the chief of water management for the St. Paul District of the Corps of Engineers. The Corps is releasing as much water as possible without causing flooding downstream. Other reservoirs in the region are holding much higher levels than normal. Releases from Lake Ashtabula on the Sheyenne River in North Dakota have never stayed so high for so long. A National Weather Service meteorologist said the water is a cumulative effect of more than 15 years of greater than normal precipitation. Source: <http://minnesota.publicradio.org/display/web/2011/07/26/record-level-wet-conditions/>

**(Minnesota) Wafting poison makes fertile ground for suit in Stearns County.** A 12,000-acre organic farm in Stearns County, Minnesota was the subject of a court ruling July 25. Improperly applied pesticides repeatedly drifted over from neighboring farms, often with dire consequences. Letting damaging chemicals cross property lines is trespassing, the Minnesota Court of Appeals ruled. Since those pesticides made his crop unsalable in the organic market, the farmer is entitled to damages from the company that applied it, the Paynesville Farmers Union Cooperative Oil Co., the court said. "Whenever this happens it will give people with overspray a legal avenue to pursue," said an attorney with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, which administers pesticide enforcement regulations in the state. And that could go for any farmer whose crop is made inedible by someone else's chemical spray, and even homeowners whose property has been damaged by a neighbor's overuse of Roundup, legal experts said. The state agriculture department said it fields 100 to 150 complaints a year from farmers about overspraying. But only about 35 a year result in some kind of financial penalty, state agriculture officials said. Source: <http://www.startribune.com/local/126151483.html>

**(Montana) EPA reviews oil on Yellowstone River.** Less than 3 percent of the observed sections of the Yellowstone River in Montana downstream from a pipeline break are heavily affected by oil, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) said. Exxon Mobil reported that around 1,000 barrels of crude oil spilled July 1 into the Yellowstone River from its 12-inch Silvertip pipeline near Billings, Montana. The EPA in a statement the week of July 18 said crews were "finding numerous, heavily oiled flood debris piles at various locations along the shoreline and on the islands." In its latest update on survey operations along the Yellowstone River July 28,

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the EPA said it found 2.7 percent of the first 10 miles of river downstream from the pipeline break were heavily affected by oil. Less than 1 percent of the next 18 miles were observed to have heavy oil impacts, the agency said in a statement. Because of the amount of oil-soaked debris left when floodwaters along the Yellowstone River receded, the response includes nearly 900 personnel engaged in remediation and assessment efforts. The EPA said it had to airlift some equipment into areas previously inaccessible. Source:

[http://www.upi.com/Business\\_News/Energy-Resources/2011/07/29/EPA-reviews-oil-on-Yellowstone-River/UPI-97851311942482/?spt=hs&or=er](http://www.upi.com/Business_News/Energy-Resources/2011/07/29/EPA-reviews-oil-on-Yellowstone-River/UPI-97851311942482/?spt=hs&or=er)

**(South Dakota) Flooding closes I-29 at 41st St.** Southbound I-29 at 41st street in Sioux Falls, South Dakota was closed for hours due to flooding July 27. Traffic was detoured onto the 41st street on and off ramps, however, significant delays and traffic back-ups were reported, and the department of transportation was asking motorists to stay away from the area. Source:

<http://www.ksfy.com/story/15155111/flooding-closes-i-29-at-41st-st>

**(South Dakota) A dangerous situation is brewing in White Lake.** A potentially serious situation developed July 28 for Marshall County, South Dakota, after hazardous weather compromised the dam along White Lake. Officials said the potential for a catastrophic collapse of a local dam was looming. The Marshall County highway superintendent said, "they said part of the top blew off of it, or washed off, and there is a fairly good sized hole in roughly the center of the dam." The dam holds between 500 and 600 acres of water, the town's drinking water, which overtopped the spillway at an excessive rate. The superintendent added, "I do not know what kind of water they are talking about coming over there or if that blows out, but it will definitely cause some damage to farmers' fields, county roads, township roads, which we absolutely do not need at this point." About 100 yards from the spillway lies Highway 27, if the spillway did collapse and released unknown amounts of water into nearby farms and roads, it would be catastrophic, officials said. Source: <http://www.ksfy.com/story/15170605/a-dangerous-situation-is-brewing-in-white-lake>

## **NATIONAL**

**(New York) NYPD pioneers new dirty bomb detection system.** The New York City Police Department (NYPD) is testing ground-breaking counterterrorism technology expected to dramatically increase its ability to detect and thwart a potential radiation attack, officials said July 28. The technology will allow a command center in lower Manhattan to monitor 2,000 mobile radiation detectors carried by officers each day around the city. The detectors will send a wireless, real-time alert if there is a reading signaling a dirty bomb threat. The system already is being tested under the watch of federal authorities in hopes it can be perfected and used elsewhere. The radiation detection system is being developed as part of a \$200 million lower Manhattan security initiative. Police said the overall plan was inspired by the so-called "ring of steel" encircling the business district in London, England, but is broader in scope and sophistication. The initiative will rely largely on 3,000 closed-circuit security cameras carpeting the roughly 1.7 square miles south of Canal Street, the subway system, and parts of midtown

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Manhattan. So far, about 1,800 cameras are up and running, with the rest expected to come on line by the end of the year. Source:

[http://hosted2.ap.org/txash/f7ded15e4d4846268a17b79c1c4b7cb8/Article\\_2011-07-28-US-NYPD-Security/id-9185fbd32e4c4bb8828d4259403bbad1](http://hosted2.ap.org/txash/f7ded15e4d4846268a17b79c1c4b7cb8/Article_2011-07-28-US-NYPD-Security/id-9185fbd32e4c4bb8828d4259403bbad1)

**Pemex counts 100 workers linked to Mexico fuel thefts.** More than 100 oil workers and contractors hired by Mexico's state oil monopoly Pemex have aided criminal gangs stealing millions of barrels of fuel over the past decade, a document obtained by Reuters shows. The corrupt workers collaborate with crime gangs, some with links to powerful drug cartels, to hijack tanker trucks or siphon gas, crude oil, and jet fuel out of tens of thousands of miles of pipelines snaking across Mexico. Since 2001, 97 workers and 7 contractors, usually truck drivers, have been linked to fuel thefts, Pemex told Reuters through a freedom-of-information request. Some of those staff members have engineering skills and inside knowledge of the company. Fuel theft has cost Pemex \$600 million since 2010 alone — a major headache for Mexico's government, which relies on oil revenues for about a third of its budget. The government is trying to address the problem, and a new law moving through congress would slap stiffer penalties on employees convicted of willingly collaborating on thefts. Those found guilty could face up to 6 years behind bars. The crooked workers are just a tiny fraction of the nearly 150,000 employees that make the state oil company one of the largest companies in the world, and Pemex said the biggest culprits were organized crime syndicates, not insiders. Pemex is suing several U.S. companies accused of buying stolen Mexican natural gas condensate, a gasoline-like by-product used in petrochemical plants. Drug smugglers use the fuel to power their cars and planes or sell it. Armed gangs menace pipeline inspectors and some have even kidnapped Pemex workers, with 17 victims since 2005. While Pemex said it does not know the motives behind the assaults, criminals could be using brute force to intimidate workers into spilling privileged information. Source:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/07/26/us-mexico-oil-idUSTRE76P0BC20110726>

## **INTERNATIONAL**

**Norway killer was on watch list for suspicious chemical purchases.** In the wake of the July 22 terrorist attacks in Norway, the country is trying to work out how the attack could have been prevented. One way the killer might have been caught seems to be through his purchase of dangerous chemicals that could be used to make a bomb. Norwegian authorities reportedly had the suspect on a "watch list" since March, after he purchased a large amount of chemicals from a Polish online store. The Daily Mail reports his name was among 60 passed onto the Police Security Service (PST) by Norwegian Customs. However, the PST didn't investigate further as the suspect could have been using the chemicals on his farm. The European Union has decided to speed up legislation that would seek to restrict the sale of dangerous chemicals, Ria Vovosti reports. Poland's internal intelligence agency is also investigating the sales. However, a spokesman told The Telegraph the majority of the chemical sales were legal, and no arrests have been made. Source: <http://www.businessinsider.com/norway-bombing-chemicals-police-2011-7>

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**90 minutes of terror on island.** Police arrived at a July 22 island massacre in Norway about 90 minutes after a gunman first opened fire, slowed because they didn't have quick access to a helicopter, and then couldn't find a boat to make their way to the scene just several hundred yards offshore. The assailant surrendered when police finally reached him, but 82 people died before that. Survivors of the shooting spree described hiding and fleeing into the water to escape the gunman, but a police briefing July 23 detailed for the first time how long the terror lasted — and how long victims waited for help. The shooting came on the heels of a bombing in downtown Oslo. In all, at least 92 people were killed in the twin attacks that police blamed on a 32-year-old Norwegian farmer. A SWAT team was dispatched to the island more than 50 minutes after people vacationing at a campground said they heard shooting across the lake, according to the police chief. The drive to the lake took about 20 minutes, and once there, the team took another 20 minutes to find a boat. The chief said police chose to drive because their helicopter wasn't on standby. "There were problems with transport to Utoya," where the youth-wing of Norway's left-leaning, ruling Labor Party was holding a retreat, the police chief said. "It was difficult to get hold of boats." At least 85 people were killed on the island. The attack followed the explosion of a bomb packed into a panel truck outside the building that houses the prime minister's office in Oslo. Seven people were killed in the bombing. Source: <http://www.telegram.com/article/20110724/NEWS/107249889/1052/rss01&source=rss>

## **BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY**

**SpyEye Trojan defeating online banking defenses.** Banks are facing more trouble from SpyEye, a piece of malicious software that steals money from people's online bank accounts, according to new research from security vendor Trusteer. In its latest versions, SpyEye has been modified with new code designed to evade advanced systems banks have put in place to block fraudulent transactions, said Trusteer's chief executive officer (CEO). Banks are now analyzing how a person uses their site, looking at parameters such as how many pages a person looks at, the amount of time a person spends on a page, and the time it takes a person to execute a transaction. Other indicators include IP address, such as if a person who normally logs in from the Miami, Florida area suddenly logs in from St. Petersburg, Russia. SpyEye works fast, and can automatically and quickly initiate a transaction much faster than an average person manually on the Web site, which provides a key trigger for banks to block a transaction. So SpyEye's authors are now trying to mimic — albeit in an automated way — how a real person would navigate a Web site. Trusteer has also noticed that SpyEye in recent months has expanded the number of financial institutions it is able to target in an increasing number of countries. New target countries include Russia, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Oman, Venezuela, Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova, Estonia, Latvia, Finland, Japan, Hong Kong, and Peru. What that means is that more criminal groups around the world are purchasing the SpyEye toolkit, Trusteer's CEO said. SpyEye is a botnet with a network of command-and-control servers hosted around the world. As of July 26, 46 command-and-control servers were online, according to SpyEye Tracker, a Web site dedicated to gathering statistics about the malicious software. In May, there were just 20 or so active servers responding to computers infected with SpyEye, said the site's administrator. Source: [http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9218645/SpyEye\\_Trojan\\_defeating\\_online\\_banking\\_defenses](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9218645/SpyEye_Trojan_defeating_online_banking_defenses)

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**Fake IRS emails distribute new file infector variant.** Security researchers from Trend Micro warn a wave of fake Internal Revenue Service e-mails direct recipients to a new variant of the LICAT file infecting virus. LICAT is a piece of malware associated with the zeus banking trojan that first appeared in October 2010. Malware analysts believe LICAT is intended as a distribution and update mechanism for zeus. The virus appends its rogue code to legitimate EXE, DLL, and HTML files. Each time one of the infected files is executed, a list of URLs is generated according to a predefined algorithm similar to the one used by Conficker. The zeus trojan normally updates itself from a list of predefined command and control servers. Losing control of these domain names usually means losing control of the entire botnet. LICAT adds a redundancy mechanism. It tries to access all of the generated URLs and downloads a new zeus version if it finds one. If they lose control of their C&C domains, the attackers can register a domain they know LICAT will generate in advance and upload their new version there, at which point all they need to do is wait. The rogue e-mails detected by Trend Micro purport to come from "Payment IRS(dot)gov" and bear a subject of "Internal Revenue Service United States Department of the Treasury." Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Fake-IRS-Emails-Distribute-New-File-Infector-Variant-213969.shtml>

**(New York) Man disguised as armored truck guard steals \$15K from Queens check-cashing business.** The New York City Police Department said a man dressed as an armored truck guard walked out of a check-cashing business with \$15,000 in cash the week of July 18. Police said the suspect walked into Lorenzo's Enterprises in Queens, said he was there for a pickup and was handed the cash. They said he was wearing a GARDA Armored Courier uniform. The Daily News reported that workers at the check-cashing place did not suspect anything until an actual guard showed up hours later from the same armored truck company. The suspect remained at large as of July 27. Source: <http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/9aff1d962a034893865aefecf5a23889/Disguised-Guard-Robbery/>

**Treasury targets key al-Qa'ida funding and support network using Iran as a critical transit point.** The U.S. Department of the Treasury July 28 announced the designation of six members of an al-Qa'ida network headed by a prominent Iran-based al-Qa'ida facilitator, operating under an agreement between al-Qa'ida and the Iranian government. The July 28 action, taken pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 13224, demonstrated that Iran is a critical transit point for funding to support al-Qa'ida's activities in Afghanistan, and Pakistan. This network serves as the core pipeline through which al-Qa'ida moves money, facilitators and operatives from across the Middle East to South Asia, including to a key al-Qa'ida leader based in Pakistan, also designated July 28. As a result of the action, U.S. persons are prohibited from engaging in commercial or financial transactions with the designees, and any assets they may hold under U.S. jurisdiction are frozen. Source: <http://www.treasury.gov/press-center/press-releases/Pages/tg1261.aspx>

**China-based spies said to be behind hacking of IMF computers.** Investigators probing the recent ransacking of International Monetary Fund (IMF) computers have concluded the attack

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was carried out by cyber spies connected to China, according to two people close to the investigation. Computer specialists have spent several weeks piecing together information about the attack, which the IMF disclosed June 8. Evidence pointing to China includes an analysis of the attack methods, as well as the electronic trail left by hackers as they removed large quantities of documents from the IMF's computers. The multistaged attack, which used U.S.-based servers as part of their equipment, ended May 31, people involved in the investigation said. IMF officials have said little publicly about the scope of the attack or its origins, citing the on-going nature of the investigation, which involves outside forensics experts, and the fund's own information-technology team. People familiar with the incident said the hackers were able to download a large quantity of documents from dozens of computers on the IMF's network, which was first infected when an employee downloaded a file containing a piece of sophisticated spying software that quickly spread. The IMF is a cornerstone institution in the global economic system, managing financial crises around the world. Its computers are likely to contain confidential documents on the fiscal health of many countries. The financial status of countries is critical data for major nation-state investors or holders of sovereign debt. The IMF's adviser to the chief information officer said in an e-mail to IMF staff that the attack was not related to identity theft or commercial fraud, another indication the intruders were not ordinary cyber thieves. Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-07-21/spies-connected-to-china-said-to-have-carried-out-hacking-of-imf-computers.html>

## **CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR**

**New global rules for sensitive nuclear trade.** The 46 members of the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) agreed in June on new global terms of trade for uranium enrichment and spent fuel reprocessing technology (ENR). The new guidelines, published the week of July 25 by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), represent a compromise between states most eager to prevent sensitive know-how from proliferating, and others that fear discrimination by the handful of advanced countries that do nearly all the world's commercial nuclear fuel processing. The new guidelines impose additional and specific criteria for access to this technology. Compared to the NSG's original guidelines, the new ones establish a raft of specific conditions a recipient must meet to obtain ENR items. These include being a party to and in full compliance with the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT); not being cited by the IAEA board of governors or secretariat for safeguards deficits; having and complying with a comprehensive safeguards agreement with the IAEA; reporting on national export controls as called for under United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540; committing and adhering to international nuclear safety norms; and having a bilateral agreement with the ENR supplier state covering retransfer and assuring safeguards in perpetuity. Source: <http://www.carnegieendowment.org/2011/07/28/new-global-rules-for-sensitive-nuclear-trade/4atv>

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## **COMMERCIAL FACILITIES**

**(Ohio) Bomb squad clears scene at Ohio state fairgrounds.** The bomb squad said a package found at the Fairgrounds in Columbus, Ohio in the afternoon July 27 was not dangerous. Someone reported an unattended package to troopers at about 1 p.m. The package was near the west doors of the Celeste Center at the Ohio State Fair. Troopers blocked off the area for an investigation, and then called in Columbus fire's bomb squad. The bomb squad inspected the package and determined they needed to do a more invasive inspection on what appeared to be a backpack, a fire official said. At about 2:30 p.m., on-scene authorities said they were going to X-ray the package and then determine the next step. The next step was detonation. The backpack did not pose a threat. It contained personal water bottles, one or two small food bars, and a soft-side cooler. The Sky Lift was shut down during part of the investigation. Source: <http://www2.nbc4i.com/news/2011/jul/27/4/suspicious-package-investigation-shuts-down-sky-li-ar-642876/>

**(Maryland; New York) Two indicted on charges of stealing historical documents.** Two men were indicted July 28 by a federal grand jury on charges of stealing dozens of historical papers, including documents signed by President Abraham Lincoln valued at \$300,000. Federal officials accuse a 63-year-old man, and a 24-year-old man of stealing millions of dollars of irreplaceable historical documents from museums in Maryland and New York from December 2010 through July and selling them. The men, both of New York City, are accused of stealing documents from the Maryland Historical Society's museum library after an employee thought the pair exhibited suspicious behavior. The indictment also alleges the pair stole documents from the New York Historical Society. The two were slated to have an initial court appearance in U.S. district court in Baltimore July 29. In the meantime, a nationwide federal investigation continues. According to a Baltimore Police Department report, an employee of the Maryland Historical Society said he watched the 24-year-old suspect take a document, conceal it in a portfolio, and walk out of the library with it earlier in July. The report states 60 documents were found in the 24-year-old's locker near the library, some of which were signed out by the 63-year-old suspect. Along with the papers bearing Lincoln's signature, other recovered documents included signed commemorations of the Statue of Liberty and the Washington Monument, each valued at \$100,000, and presidential inaugural ball invitations and programs with an estimated value of \$500,000. The federal indictment states that on December 2, 2010, the suspects stole seven copies of speeches given by President Roosevelt from the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum in New York, among other items. The 63-year-old allegedly subsequently sold four of the speeches for \$35,000. The two men are being held in the Baltimore City Detention Center, according to the Maryland Department of Corrections database. The defendants face a maximum sentence of 5 years in prison for conspiracy, and 10 years in prison for theft of the documents. Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2011/CRIME/07/28/historical.document.theft/>

**(California) Explosive found in Lemon Grove, wanted man arrested.** An apartment building in Lemon Grove, California was evacuated July 28 when sheriff's deputies and San Diego police arrested a tenant on warrants, and found a possible explosive in his residence. A police

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detective went to the building on Central Avenue near Olive Street shortly after 11 a.m. looking for the 30-year-old suspect who had three outstanding felony warrants for burglary, a police spokesman said. He said the suspect was outside, but when the detective stopped, he ran into the first-floor unit he shares with his mother, who was at work. The suspect refused to come out until about 1:45 p.m., when officers broke a window into his apartment. Officers started searching the unit and found a length of metal pipe with caps on the ends, the police spokesman said. He said the suspect told them it was an empty pyrotechnic device of some sort, but officers called the sheriff's bomb squad as a precaution. At least a dozen residents were evacuated from the 3-story building. Central Avenue, which had been closed during the arrest efforts and then reopened, was closed again. Bomb squad investigators dealt with the pipe, and residents and traffic were allowed back into the area within about an hour. Source: <http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/2011/jul/28/warrant-suspect-arrested-lemon-grove-possible-expl/>

**Mass shootings at parties, car show, casino over the weekend.** A rash of shootings erupted across the United States late July 23 and July 24, with three incidents at birthday parties, one at a car show, and one at a casino. Police in Stockton, California, said a 15-year-old boy died and eight people were wounded in a shooting at a backyard birthday party. Police said at least one person in an adjoining backyard opened fire on a group of people attending the party about 11 p.m. July 23. No arrests have been made, and police have not determined a motive. In Grand Prairie, Texas, the owner of a skating rink said July 24 he shoved children out of harm's way when a parent suddenly opened fire on his estranged wife and her family at a birthday party. The Forum Roller World owner said the shooting that left six dead lasted just moments. In Apopka, Florida, a suspect fired several shots from a handgun after fighting erupted among teenagers at a birthday party at a central Florida home, leaving nine people wounded, authorities said July 24. Authorities said at least 20 people were injured in two separate, unrelated shootings that took place within hours of each other in Seattle suburbs during the weekend of July 23 and 24. In the first, 13 people were wounded after a fight erupted into gunfire at a low-rider car show July 23 in Kent, about 20 miles south of Seattle, sending spectators ducking for cover, and merchants hiding in stores. About 10 hours later, in the neighboring city of Auburn, police said a jealous husband walked into a casino nightclub with a handgun and opened fire on his estranged wife, her male companion, and her two sisters as they danced on the floor. Source: <http://www.freep.com/article/20110725/NEWS07/107250372/Mass-shootings-parties-car-show-casino-over-weekend>

**(Texas) Two men dead from shooting outside Irving Mall.** Two men were shot to death as they were leaving a store near a Dallas, Texas mall. The two men and a woman were leaving an AT&T store across the street from Irving Mall July 24. Witnesses told police that the three were about to get into their vehicle when a yellow sedan pulled up to them and shots were fired. One of the men died at the scene, and the other was pronounced dead later at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas. Police said there appeared to more than one suspect in the shooting, which occurred shortly before 2:30 p.m. Source:

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<http://www.newschannel6now.com/story/15139486/two-men-dead-from-shooting-at-irving-mall>

### **COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR**

**(Oregon) Phone service restored, suspect arrested.** A man stealing wire from telephone lines was probably the cause of a telephone outage for about 1,000 residents of the Junction City, Oregon area July 26, according to the Lane County Sheriff's Office. Phone service was restored by the evening of July 26 for most customers. Around 11:30 p.m., deputies investigating a report of a suspicious vehicle in a remote area of Bureau of Land Management land found a man who was apparently preparing to alter the appearance of some wire to make it easier to sell as scrap. Deputies arrested the 45-year-old man, and he was taken to jail on suspicion of theft, criminal mischief, and possession of methamphetamine. Source:

<http://www.kmtr.com/news/local/story/Phone-service-restored-suspect-arrested/MG0vV7kC9kGcCrkuZYOkew.csp>

### **CRITICAL MANUFACTURING**

**NHTSA recall notice - Great Dane GPA flatbed trailers.** Great Dane is recalling 119 model year 2010-2011 GPA aluminum flatbed trailers. The lock nuts and bolts attaching the air ride suspension hangers to the trailer are defective, which may result in loss of fastener torque allowing the suspension hangers to become loose. The suspension components could detach from the trailer resulting in loss of control and a crash. Great Dane will replace all defective suspension nuts and bolts free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin during July 2011. Source: [http://www-](http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rcl_ID=11V360000&summary=true&prod_id=1235774&PrintVersion=YES)

[odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rcl\\_ID=11V360000&summary=true&prod\\_id=1235774&PrintVersion=YES](http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallresults.cfm?start=1&SearchType=QuickSearch&rcl_ID=11V360000&summary=true&prod_id=1235774&PrintVersion=YES)

**Volvo recalls 8,400 cars in U.S. for steering issue.** Volvo Cars is recalling 8,406 S80 models, built between March 8, 2006, and May 16, 2007, for a potential power steering fluid problem that could lead to a burst hose at the steering gear, causing a sudden loss of power steering, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Web site. Volvo dealers will inspect the cars and make repairs as needed at no charge. The recall is expected to begin during August. A Volvo spokeswoman said the company had estimated 6 percent of the vehicles in the group would have the defect. Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2011/07/29/us-volvocars-usrecall-idUSTRE76S3O720110729?feedType=RSS&feedName=domesticNews>

**Honeywell recalls electric baseboard and fan heater thermostats due to burn hazard.** The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with Honeywell International Inc., July 28 announced a voluntary recall of about 77,000 Honeywell electric baseboard and fan heater thermostats. The thermostats were sold at home improvement stores, HVAC and electrical stores, and to contractors from January 2000 to December 2007. The thermostats can overheat, causing them to melt and smoke. Honeywell has received 16 reports of thermostats melting. The recalled thermostats are rectangular, white, programmable thermostats used to

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control electric baseboard and fan heaters. "Honeywell" or "Cadet" is printed on the front of the thermostats that come in various sizes. The model number and four-digit date code are printed on a label inside the front cover of the thermostat. Only models with date codes beginning with 00, 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, or 06 are included. The affected models are: Honeywell CT1950A1003, Honeywell CT1950B1002, Honeywell CT1957A1008, CADET T4700B1030, CADET T4700A1040, Honeywell T4700B1014, and Honeywell T4700A1016. Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled thermostats by setting the thermostats to 45 degrees or turning them off. Only models with a "B" in the model number have an off switch. Consumers should contact Honeywell for a free replacement installed by Honeywell. Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml11/11289.html>

**NHTSA recall notice - IC/RE school buses.** Navistar is recalling 431 model year 2011 and 2012 IC RE school buses manufactured from February 4, 2010, through June 16, 2011. The positive battery cable may rub on the hydraulic cooler reservoir mounting bracket possibly resulting in an electrical short. An electrical short may cause a fire possibly resulting in property damage, personal injury, or death. Navistar will notify owners and dealers will repair the buses free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin on or before September, 16, 2011. Source: [http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/results.cfm?rcl\\_id=11V365000&searchtype=quicksearch&summary=true&refurl=rss](http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/results.cfm?rcl_id=11V365000&searchtype=quicksearch&summary=true&refurl=rss)

**NHTSA recall notice - IC/RE commercial buses.** Navistar is recalling 64 model year 2011 and 2012 IC RE commercial buses manufactured from August 24, 2010, through June 8, 2011. The positive battery cable may rub on the hydraulic cooler reservoir mounting bracket possibly resulting in an electrical short. An electrical short may cause a fire possibly resulting in property damage, personal injury, or death. Navistar will notify owners and dealers will repair the buses free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin on or before September, 16, 2011. Source: [http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/results.cfm?rcl\\_id=11V367000&searchtype=quicksearch&summary=true&refurl=rss](http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/results.cfm?rcl_id=11V367000&searchtype=quicksearch&summary=true&refurl=rss)

**Kawasaki recall of certain model year 2011 Ninja motorcycles.** Kawasaki is recalling about 2,560 model year 2011 Ninja ZX-10R/ZX-10R ABS (ZX1000JBF/JBFL/KBF/KBFL) motorcycles. It is possible for a portion of the wiring harness to become pinched between the rear sub-frame and the rear fender, or between the rear sub-frame and the bolt holding the seat cover. This can damage the harness and wiring, and result in a short between wires and the frame or within wires, which could result in the engine stopping suddenly. If the motorcycle stalls while being ridden, there could be a crash resulting in injury or death. Dealers will repair the motorcycle as necessary, and reroute the main harness free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided an owner notification schedule. Source: <http://www.enevspf.com/latest-news/recalls/25607-kawasaki-recall-of-certain-model-year-2011-ninja-motorcycles.html>

**NHTSA recall notice - Thomas Built buses recall.** Daimler Trucks North America is recalling 727 model year 2010 and 2011 FCCC B2 106 CH and Thomas Built SAF-T-Liner C2 school buses

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manufactured from February 16, 2010 through July 7, 2010 equipped with specific MBE900 EPA04 and EPA07 model engines. The intake air grid heater may short circuit and fail due to excessive internal temperatures. A short circuited grid heater could result in a vehicle fire, and injury to vehicle occupants. Damiler Trucks will notify owners, and dealers will repair the buses free of charge. Repairs will be performed by Detroit Diesel Corporation authorized repair facilities. The safety recall is expected to begin on or about July 29, 2011. Source: [http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/results.cfm?rcl\\_id=11V359000&searchtype=quicksearch&summary=true&refurl=rss](http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/results.cfm?rcl_id=11V359000&searchtype=quicksearch&summary=true&refurl=rss)

## **DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR**

**Filipino to plead guilty for peddling military drone on EBay.** A man who tried to sell an unmanned military drone on EBay was scheduled to plead guilty in U.S. District Court July 28 to violating arms export and smuggling laws, according to court filings. The man, from Manila, Philippines, was arrested in February after DHS officials said he shipped a 3-foot-long, hand-launched, computer-controlled RQ-11A/B Raven to undercover agents. The man faces up to 20 years in prison, but the term will likely be far less under federal sentencing guidelines. Source: <http://www2.tbo.com/news/breaking-news/2011/jul/27/filipino-to-plead-guilty-for-peddling-military-dro-ar-246480/>

**(California) Military: Safety concerns prompt destruction of ICBM minutes after launch from California base.** An unarmed Minuteman 3 intercontinental ballistic missile was destroyed July 27, minutes after it blasted out of a California coast underground silo on a flight to test the weapon's reliability, the U.S. Air Force said. It is the second Minuteman 3 test problem in 5 weeks at Vandenberg Air Force Base, located on the coast about 130 miles northwest of Los Angeles. The latest Minuteman 3 missile was launched at 3:01 a.m. July 27, and was destroyed 5 minutes later because of safety concerns. Air Force controllers detected "a flight anomaly and terminated the flight for safety reasons," said the 30th Space Wing chief of safety. "Established parameters were exceeded and controllers sent destruct commands," he said. "When terminated, the vehicle was in the broad ocean area northeast of Roi-Namur." That is an area near the Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands, the Air Force said. There were no details on what went wrong. The Air Force said there will be an investigation. Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/military-safety-concerns-prompt-destruction-of-icbm-minutes-after-launch-from-calif-base/2011/07/27/gIQAdSicI\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/national/military-safety-concerns-prompt-destruction-of-icbm-minutes-after-launch-from-calif-base/2011/07/27/gIQAdSicI_story.html)

**New targeted attack campaign against defense contractors under way.** The U.S. defense industry is under siege by cyber spies in an attack that provides a link to a rigged spreadsheet containing a real list of high-level defense industry executives who attended a recent Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity event, Dark Reading reported July 22. A defense contractor friend of the CEO of Invincea sent him a copy of a targeted yet suspicious e-mail with the unsolicited attachment he received. It appears the attackers sent the same e-mail and malicious attachment to the other 163 event attendees, the CEO said. The embedded URL — which appears to be a subdomain of a domain that redirects to the legitimate research project Web site — provides a ZIP archive to the attendee roster, which includes the names of

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directors, presidents, and CEOs of major defense and intelligence companies. “Unzipped, you see an XLS-looking file, but it’s actually an executable,” the CEO said. “It extracts another custom program that’s an HTTP client. This client beacons out to a server. You wouldn’t notice it even if you were looking at your system process table: It looks like standard browser activity.” It is not until the system is rebooted, however, that problems begin: The client reaches out to a command-and-control (C&C) server, which sends it another executable file. “That’s the payload of the weapon,” the CEO said. A team at ThreatGrid analyzed the executable, and found it is a remote C&C trojan hosted on a Web site. The trojan gives the attackers full control of the victim’s machine and Internet settings in the registry, and can update root certificate lists that could be used for SSL man-in-the-middle attacks. The researchers were unable to tell how far the attackers got or what they might have stolen. They said the attack appeared to be an ongoing, active campaign targeting multiple defense contractors with similar methods but some different documents and executables. Source: <http://www.darkreading.com/database-security/167901020/security/attacks-breaches/231002455>

### **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**(Michigan) Man charged with arson attempt, threatening to kill Hazel Park police.** A Madison Heights, Michigan man has been charged with calling police and threatening to kill them, and making a Molotov cocktail police said he threw at a house in a dispute over a used car sale with a Hazel Park woman. He was arraigned July 27 before a Hazel Park 43rd District magistrate, and jailed on \$500,000 cash bond. An alleged accomplice was also charged in connection with the Molotov cocktail incident in which police say a flaming bottle was thrown at a house and bounced into a yard. His bond is set at \$100,000 cash. The suspect also indicated he had a high-powered assault rifle, and was driving to the police station, according to a tape police released. The suspect made the threatening calls to Hazel Park police shortly before he was arrested at the Motel 6 in Madison Heights, police said. He has been charged with making a false report or threat of terrorism, a 20-year felony. He is also being charged with manufacturing an incendiary device with malicious intent, a 15-year felony. His alleged accomplice is being charged with a single count of making an incendiary device. Source: <http://www.dailytribune.com/articles/2011/07/27/news/doc4e306b5858f3e988100827.txt?viewmode=fullstory>

### **ENERGY**

**Half of oil and gas companies have no information security strategy in place.** Only half of oil and gas companies have put in place a strategy to address information security threats, according to a survey of oil and gas IT executives by IDC Energy Insights. The survey of global IT executives also found oil and gas companies still lag behind other industries in formulating, approving, and executing information security policies, as well as getting buy-in from senior management. Of the top three information security threats perceived by oil and gas companies, the greatest is state or industrial espionage, followed by employee error or accidental loss of sensitive information, and vulnerabilities owing to insecure code, the survey noted. In addition, 55 percent of survey respondents indicated an expected increase in their information security

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budget over the next 12 months. Only 10 percent of the respondents said they are using regulatory compliance as a requirement to justify budgets. In fact, almost 25 percent of respondents said the regulatory environment was a barrier to ensuring information security.

Source: <http://www.infosecurity-us.com/view/19702/>

### **FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

**(Arizona) Stallion tests positive for CEM in Arizona.** The Arizona Department of Agriculture (ADA) reported July 27 it quarantined five horses to a Maricopa County premises after a stallion tested positive for contagious equine metritis (CEM), a sexually transmitted disease. CEM can cause spontaneous abortion and infertility in mares. "This disease can be carried by stallions and mares and transmitted even through modern breeding practices of artificial insemination and embryo transfer," the ADA associate director for animal services said. "Because many animals don't show symptoms, CEM can be difficult to detect and control." The state is working with federal partners to trace mares bred to the positive stallion this breeding season. Farm records indicate that semen was shipped to three states. The 4-year-old Arabian was tested as part of a protocol to allow international shipment of semen. All semen collection has been suspended from the quarantined stallions, and all frozen semen has been quarantined. The disease can be treated with antibiotics. There is no evidence that CEM affects people. Infected and exposed equine animals are being held under movement restrictions by Arizona animal health authorities until veterinary treatment is completed, and they are certified as CEM-negative. Source: <http://westernfarmpress.com/management/stallion-tests-positive-cem-arizona>

**(Georgia; Florida; Alabama) More meat products recalled by Flying Food Group.** Flying Food Group of Lawrenceville, Georgia, expanded its recall of ready-to-eat chicken, turkey, beef, and pork products by an extra 6,901 pounds, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) said July 26. The products may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*. The initial recall was issued July 19. The recall was expanded after the firm received reports of test results that implicated additional product. There are no reports of illness. The following products are part of the expanded recall: 8.4-ounce packages of "Starbucks Chipotle Chicken Wraps Bistro Box" that have "Enjoy by" dates of 7/16-7/26; 6.3-ounce packages of "Starbucks Chicken & Hummus Bistro Box" that have "Enjoy by" dates of 7/16-7/26; 4.6-ounce packages of "Starbucks Salami & Cheese Bistro Box" that have "Enjoy by" dates of 7/15-7/26; 7.3-ounce packages of "Starbucks Chicken Lettuce Wraps Bistro Box" that have "Enjoy by" dates of 7/15-7/26. The products above were distributed to retail outlets in Alabama, and Georgia. Other recalled products were distributed to retail outlets in Alabama, Florida, and Georgia. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/07/flying-food-group-extends-its-chicken-recall/>

**Poultry maker expands chicken recall to nuggets.** A voluntary recall of thousands of pounds of ready-to-eat chicken has been expanded over concerns that the meat could be contaminated with bacteria that can cause food poisoning. Pilgrim's Pride announced July 26 the recall now includes about 7,000 pounds of Pilgrim's Pride Brand Fully Cooked Chicken Breast Nuggets that were shipped to dozens of Dollar General stores in the following states: West Virginia,

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Tennessee, Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Georgia, Florida, and Alabama. The recall began the week of July 18 over fears that more than 5 tons of ready-to-eat chicken was potentially tainted by *Listeria monocytogenes*. Pilgrim's said it is not aware of any reported illnesses. The newly recalled product was sold in 2-pound bags and carries the best-by date of June 2, 2012, and UPC number 77013 16224. It was produced in the Pilgrim's plant in Mt. Pleasant, Texas. Pilgrim officials said the company is working closely with Dollar General to locate all of the recalled product. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service announced the recall of two of the company's products July 21. Source:

[http://www.usatoday.com/money/industries/food/2011-07-27-chicken-nugget-recall\\_n.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/money/industries/food/2011-07-27-chicken-nugget-recall_n.htm)

**(Ohio) E. coli O157 prompts cooked beef recall.** Beef bound for processing, where it was or would have been cooked, has instead been called back after tests detected it might be contaminated with *E. coli* O157:H7. Tri State Beef of Cincinnati, Ohio, said July 27 it was recalling about 228,596 pounds of beef products after tests by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) confirmed a positive result for *E. coli*. The FSIS, in a news release, said the beef was distributed to facilities where it was to be cooked, which would have killed the *E. coli* pathogen. But "because the products were shipped into commerce they are subject to recall, even though they were shipped to other federally inspected establishments where they received full-lethality treatment, and would no longer be considered adulterated," the regulator said. The recall involves combo bins of "Tri-State Beef Co., Inc Boneless Beef," produced between July 19 and 22, and sold for further processing and distribution in Iowa, Virginia, Illinois, and Ohio. Source:

<http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/07/e-coli-o157-prompts-beef-recall/>

**(Florida) Miami meat company recalls beef possibly contaminated by animal drug.**

Northwestern Meat, Inc., of Miami, Florida, recalled more than 6,000 pounds of frozen Honduran beef that may have been contaminated by animal drugs, according to information provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The department's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced July 27 the recall involved cases of "C&D" brand boneless beef that may contain the drug Ivermectin, an anti-parasitic used as a de-worming agent in live animals, according to officials. The problem was discovered through a routine sampling of beef muscle tissue July 18 in Honduras, officials said in a news release. The products that did not pass the inspection were refused entry into the United States, but Honduran authorities later notified the inspection service that products that were derived from the possibly contaminated meat were shipped into the country on an earlier date. Source: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/local/miami-dade/fl-meat-recall-20110728,0,549614.story>

**(Georgia; Texas) 8 sickened in salmonella outbreak.** An outbreak of salmonella involving papayas has sickened four people in Gwinnett County, Georgia and four more in other Georgia counties, public health officials said. The Georgia Department of Public Health said two other cases have been reported in Cherokee County, and one each in Fulton and Dawson counties, according to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. WSB 2 Atlanta reported July 29 that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued a recall July 23 for papayas from Agromod, a Texas-based company. State health officials said they are working with the Georgia Department of

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Agriculture and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta on the produce recall. Health officials said those infected with salmonella develop diarrhea, fever, and abdominal cramps. Source: <http://www.wsbtv.com/news/28703364/detail.html>

**(Arizona; New York) Recall of cantaloupes from Arizona due to Salmonella announced.** Eagle Produce, LLC of Scottsdale, Arizona July 29 announced a limited recall of certain cantaloupes shipped from Arizona to upstate New York, due to their potential to be contaminated with salmonella. Although no illnesses have been reported, Eagle Produce has voluntarily decided to recall the potentially affected shipments, which were sold at Sam's Club between June 2 and June 17, 2011. Sam's Club has withdrawn all cantaloupes, and sent a notification to members that bought these melons from clubs served by the Johnstown, New York and Pottsville, Pennsylvania distribution centers. The recall is limited to about 1,760 cartons of cantaloupes, each containing 9 melons, for sale in bulk, in brown cardboard cartons each with the Kandy logo in white with the word "Cantaloupes" in white lettering on a red background. The cartons have the lot code 147 count 9 printed on the side of the carton. Each melon bears a Kandy sticker with the words "Cantaloupe USA". The recall is being implemented as a result of a routine and random test directed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and carried out by the New York Department of Agriculture. The company has ceased the production and distribution of the product in question. Consumers who believe that they are in possession of uneaten cantaloupes affected by this recall may contact Eagle Produce. Source: <http://starglobaltribune.com/2011/food-contamination-recall-of-cantaloupes-from-arizona-due-to-salmonella-announced-10497>

**More papayas found contaminated with salmonella.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is stepping up tests on papayas imported from Mexico as it investigates a Salmonella outbreak in 23 states involving 97 cases of food poisoning, including 10 that required hospital treatment. In a news release July 25, the FDA said 10 more papaya samples from Mexico have tested positive for the outbreak strain of Salmonella Agona, in addition to two positive samples reported earlier — one in a shipment halted at the border, and another collected at a Texas processing plant. "As part of this investigation, the FDA is taking regulatory action to prevent potentially contaminated papaya from entering the United States, including increasing its sampling of imported papaya," the agency stated. The FDA said it is working with the importer, Agromod Produce of McAllen, Texas, and state public health authorities to determine if previous shipments of potentially contaminated papaya could be in circulation. Agromod announced over the weekend of July 23 and 24 that it was recalling papaya distributed before July 23 under four brand names — Blondie, Yaya, Mañanita, and Tastylicious. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/07/more-tainted-papaya-found-in-outbreak-investigation/>

**(New York) New York company recalls diced bacon products.** Jetro Cash and Carry Enterprises LLC/R.D. Food Services LP of New York recalled about 2,900 pounds of Assoulti Cooked Diced Bacon products that may be contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced July 22. The company was informed of the problem after FSIS routine testing July 19 found a sample of

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cooked diced bacon imported from another company, Canadian EST No. 169A, Aliments Prince, S.E.C., was positive for *Listeria monocytogenes*. The initial product related to that sample is on hold, but the Canadian Food Inspection Agency notified FSIS that products from the same batch had been shipped to the United States. There are no reports of illnesses associated with the diced bacon. The products were shipped to Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio for further distribution to food service institutions. Source:

<http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/07/new-york-company-recalls-diced-bacon-products-1/>

**(California) Uninspected chopped beef recalled.** Bobby Salazar's Mexican Foods of Fowler, California, recalled about 2,560 pounds of chopped beef products produced without federal inspection, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) announced July 22. The recall is for Carne Asada Chopped Beef and Texture Wheat Protein in Red Hot Sauce. It was distributed in 16-pound cases containing 4-pound bags. The products were produced April 19 and May 11, and shipped to a distributor and restaurants in California. The problem was discovered by the FSIS Alameda District Office, which found the company produced the product outside of normal hours of operation when inspectors would have been present. FSIS and the company have received no reports of adverse reactions due to consumption of these products. Source:

<http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2011/07/uninspected-chopped-beef-recalled/>

## **GOVERNMENT SECTOR (INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND UNIVERSITIES)**

**Hundreds of government and military email addresses leaked by hackers.** A hacker leaked almost 300 logins consisting of .gov and .mil e-mail addresses and passwords from the Web site of a secure bag manufacturer. The 290 e-mails and passwords were dumped on Pastebin by a hacker known as p0keu who is affiliated with Anonymous' Operation AntiSec. The compromised Web site, [www.governmentsecuritybags\(dot\)com](http://www.governmentsecuritybags(dot)com), belongs to a company called A. Rifkin Co., and allows customers to register accounts and place orders. Source:

<http://news.softpedia.com/news/Hundreds-of-GOV-and-MIL-Emails-Passwords-Leaked-by-Hackers-213566.shtml>

**Public response to budget impasse takes down some congressional websites.** The American people may not all agree on the best approach to the federal budget, but they do feel strongly about what leaders in Washington are doing, or not doing, about it. When the U.S. President addressed the nation July 25 on the debt-ceiling issue, he asked people to tell their representatives if they want a "balanced approach to the budget," and the response shut down the Web sites of at least nine House and Senate members, the Washington Post reported. And people were not just going online to voice their opinions. The morning after the speech, the Capitol switchboard was inundated with calls, the Post reported. The House circuits were at near capacity for incoming calls, with some callers getting busy signals, according to an e-mail to a representative's office from the House Chief Administrative Officer's Technology Call

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Center, the Post said. Source: <http://gcn.com/articles/2011/07/26/agg-debt-ceiling-obama-congress-sites-crash.aspx>

**(Texas) Fort Hood bomb suspect held without bond.** The U.S. Army private who admitted he was planning to bomb a restaurant popular with soldiers from Fort Hood, Texas is to be held without bond, a federal magistrate ordered July 29. The suspect was formally charged with possession of an unregistered destructive device. Additional charges are likely, said a spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office in San Antonio, Texas. The 21-year-old shouted an apparent reference to the 2006 rape of an Iraqi girl by U.S. soldiers and a 2009 shooting spree by an army psychiatrist at Fort Hood that killed 13 people, before being hustled out of the courtroom by marshals. A Muslim American soldier granted conscientious objector status before going AWOL, the suspect was held July 29 in federal custody at an undisclosed location. According to the criminal complaint unsealed July 29, the suspect admitted he planned to turn two pressure cookers found in his Killeen hotel room into gunpowder- and shrapnel-filled bombs to detonate inside an unnamed restaurant popular with soldiers from Fort Hood. Among other things, police and FBI investigators who searched the room found six bottles of gunpowder, shotgun shells and pellets, and ammunition cartridges. Police who arrested him found wire, a handgun, ammunition and an article titled, "Make a bomb in the kitchen of your Mom" in the backpack he was carrying, according to the complaint. The backpack also contained a notebook with a hand-written list for many of the components police recovered. Killeen police arrested the suspect July 27 after a gun store employee indicated his behavior had raised red flags when he purchased 6 pounds of smokeless gunpowder, and other supplies. The tip came from a retired police officer who works at the Guns Galore gun store. He said the young man appeared suspicious as soon as he pulled up in a taxi cab. The suspect browsed for about 20 minutes, the tipster said, choosing 6 pounds of gunpowder, shotgun ammunition, and a magazine for a semiautomatic handgun. He asked what smokeless gunpowder was before finishing the purchase. The tipster said he called police after discussing the transaction at length with the owner of the store, which is the same place where the army psychiatrist bought supplies for his Fort Hood shooting spree. The suspect joined the infantry in 2009 and was assigned to Company E of the 101st Airborne Division's 1st Brigade Combat Team when he refused to deploy to Afghanistan on religious grounds. The Army approved his request to be discharged as a conscientious objector. But on May 13, he was charged with possession of child pornography on his computer, according to the statement. After a June 15 hearing, at which the suspect was recommended for court-martial, he went AWOL. Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2011/CRIME/07/29/fort.hood.arrest/index.html>

**(Washington) Man accused of building firebomb in university attack pleads not guilty.** The man accused of building the firebomb used by Earth Liberation Front radicals to torch the University of Washington's Center for Urban Horticulture in 2001 pleaded not guilty July 27 to several federal charges. The suspect, 31, was arrested July 6 in Chicago after his expulsion from China, where he had been serving a prison term for selling drugs. A former student at The Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington, he is charged with conspiracy, arson, making an unregistered destructive device, and using a destructive device during a violent crime, a charge that could result in a life sentence. The 31-year-old was a purported member of a cell of

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radical environmentalists known as "The Family" who are believed to have participated in a string of arsons and other sabotage that caused \$80 million in damage in Washington, Oregon, California, and Colorado. Source:

<http://www.bellinghamherald.com/2011/07/27/2119075/man-accused-of-building-firebomb.html>

**(District of Columbia) Suspicious package cleared at Canadian Embassy.** Authorities cleared a suspicious package at the Canadian Embassy, Washington D.C. fire officials said July 25. The embassy had been evacuated and a street closed as authorities investigated the report, fire officials said. Authorities responded to the call in the 500 block of Pennsylvania Avenue around 9 a.m., said a District of Columbia fire department spokesman. A U.S. Secret Service spokesman said C Street was closed between 5th and 6th streets. WLJA 7 Washington reported the investigation had closed the entrances to the District of Columbia Superior and Circuit court buildings. Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/post\\_now/post/canadian-embassy-evacuated-for-report-of-suspicious-package/2011/07/25/gIQAfLjYYI\\_blog.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/post_now/post/canadian-embassy-evacuated-for-report-of-suspicious-package/2011/07/25/gIQAfLjYYI_blog.html)

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**Street View cars grabbed locations of phones, PCs.** Google's Street View cars collected the locations of millions of laptops, cell phones, and other Wi-Fi devices around the world, a practice that raises novel privacy concerns, CNET confirmed. The cars were supposed to collect the locations of Wi-Fi access points. However, Google also recorded the street addresses and unique identifiers of computers and other devices using those wireless networks, and then made the data publicly available through Google.com until several weeks ago. The French data protection authority, known as the Commission Nationale de l'Informatique et des Libertes, recently contacted CNET and said its investigation confirmed Street View cars collected these unique hardware IDs. Source: [http://news.cnet.com/8301-31921\\_3-20082777-281/street-view-cars-grabbed-locations-of-phones-pcs/](http://news.cnet.com/8301-31921_3-20082777-281/street-view-cars-grabbed-locations-of-phones-pcs/)

**Windows XP PCs breed rootkit infections.** Machines running the Windows XP make up a large percentage of infected PCs that can spread malware to other systems, Avast Software announced July 28. Windows XP computers are infected with rootkits out of proportion to the operating system's market share, according to data released by the antivirus company, which surveyed more than 600,000 Windows PCs. While XP now accounts for about 58 percent of all Windows systems in use, 74 percent of the rootkit infections found by Avast were on XP machines. XP's share of the infection pie was much larger than Windows 7's, which accounted for only 12 percent of the malware-plagued machines — even though the 2009 OS now powers 31 percent of all Windows PCs. Source:

[http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9218722/Windows\\_XP\\_PCs\\_breed\\_rootkit\\_infections](http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9218722/Windows_XP_PCs_breed_rootkit_infections)

**Chameleon-like fake AV delivered via clever social engineering.** A complex and efficient fake AV spreading campaign has been spotted targeting Facebook users. It starts with users apparently contacted by a Facebook friend via the social network's chat feature. The message

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contains a link to a YouTube video. The user follows the link and sees they can't watch the video until they follow a download link to upgrade Adobe Flash Player. The file the user actually downloads is Trojan(dot).FakeAV(dot)LVT. "It copies itself as %windir%\services32.exe and as %windir%\update.X\svchost.exe, where update is a hidden directory and X is the version of the malware," a BitDefender researcher said. "After that, it adds a registry key in %SYSTEM% and the malicious code is added thus to the list of authorized applications for the firewall or it disables the firewall altogether. Then it proceeds to disable all notifications generated by the firewall, the update module and whatever antivirus it finds" The malware has the ability to detect which legitimate AV solution the user has installed on the computer, and to display personalized warning message windows that mimic the ones the legitimate solution would present. The malware "finds" a virus on the system and asks the user to reboot the computer so it can clean it up. The reboot triggers an unwelcome series of events: the system boots in safe mode, which allows the malware to start and uninstall the legitimate AV solution, and then the system is rebooted once again — this time in normal mode. The now unprotected system is ready to be misused by a downloader component integrated in the trojan, which downloads further malware from an array of URLs, depending on the OS running on the computer. Source: [http://www.net-security.org/malware\\_news.php?id=1780](http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=1780)

**Oslo bombing Facebook scams infecting 1 user per second.** Websense has found an alarming number of Facebook scams taking advantage of the recent attacks in Oslo, Norway. As of July 23, one scam appears to be infecting one user every second. The scam is a form of "clickjacking" that replicates itself on users' walls after they click on fake posts within their news feed. Users should be cautious when clicking on breaking news trends and stories within search results related to the Oslo attacks. Searching for breaking trends and current news represented a higher risk (22.4 percent) than searching for objectionable content (21.8 percent). Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=11328>

## **NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS**

**(Wyoming) Norton Point fire grows to 10,000 acres.** The Norton Point fire's continued growth into the Washakie Wilderness in Wyoming was hailed as good news July 27 by fire crews, who continued guarding the fire's flanks to prevent a southward turn. The fire, sparked by lightning July 22 near Double Cabin north of Dubois, grew to 10,000 acres July 27. Preventing the fire from backing down toward Double Cabin and surrounding campgrounds has become a top priority for fire managers, who arrived at the scene early July 26. The fire's growth prompted officials July 26 to close access to the wilderness from Kirwin, west of Meeteetse. Much of the southern Washakie Wilderness remains closed to the public, including the Double Cabin area. The Clark Creek Trail, accessed at the South Fork drainage near Cody, is also closed at Cougar Pass. A fire information officer said the fire was extremely active July 27, with high winds and long-range spotting. Two hand crews from Worland and the Bighorn Basin worked July 27 to flank the east edge of the fire near Frontier Creek. A Wyoming Hot Shot crew also will reinforce the fire line along Wiggins Fork and Caldwell Creek to keep the fire from turning south. About 84 firefighters and one helicopter arrived at the fire July 26. A second helicopter was expected

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July 27. Source: [http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming/article\\_68c11445-0598-59f6-8185-769a3dafb625.html](http://billingsgazette.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming/article_68c11445-0598-59f6-8185-769a3dafb625.html)

**(California) Sequoia National Forest fire consumes 14,000 acres.** Firefighters July 27 were making progress in battling a fire that has consumed 14,000 acres in a remote wilderness area of the Sequoia National Forest in California. A U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman said the fire was 5 percent contained after it began burning July 8. Officials said it was sparked by a lightning strike on private land inside the Golden Trout Wilderness area. A spokeswoman said firefighters were able to stop the fire from progressing on a section of land home to the Pyles Boys Camp. Firefighters were also working on keeping the fire from two cabins, including the historic Quinn Patrol Cabin, which was constructed by the U.S. cavalry at the turn of the century, she said. The remote area where the fire is burning is about 70 miles southeast of Fresno. Source:

<http://www.sacbee.com/2011/07/27/3799207/sequoia-national-forest-fire-consumes.html>

**(California) California firefighters battle huge wildfire.** Steep, rocky terrain was making it difficult for firefighters struggling to complete containment lines around a nearly 20-square-mile California wildfire burning on a remote American Indian reservation in northeast San Diego County. The 12,700-acre blaze was 45 percent surrounded late July 25, but there was no estimate on full containment, a spokesman for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection said. The 6-day-old fire slowed July 25 due to higher humidity levels from a monsoonal weather system that moved in from the south, but the terrain was hampering firefighters' efforts to complete 11 miles of containment lines. The fire broke out July 21 on the Los Coyotes Indian Reservation, and has since moved into Anza-Borrego State Park. Six firefighters have reported minor injuries, mostly heat exhaustion. Eight air tankers were streaking over areas just ahead of fire lines in an effort to thwart the advance of flames while 22 helicopters bombarded hot spots with water drops. There were 2,133 firefighters on the lines. The Borrego Palm Canyon Campground and Trail, and the Los Valley Boy Scout Camp have been closed. The cause of the fire has not been determined. Source:

<http://www.kztv10.com/news/california-firefighters-battle-huge-wildfire/>

## **POSTAL AND SHIPPING**

**St. Clair County man pleads guilty to mailing series of hoax anthrax letters.** A St. Clair County, Alabama man pleaded guilty July 27 in federal court to mailing a series of hoax anthrax letters in Alabama in March and April last year, a U.S. attorney announced. Just before his trial was to begin, the suspect, 39, of Lincoln, pleaded guilty to 23 counts of mailing letters that contained a threat in the form of white powder that could reasonably have been perceived as the biological toxin, anthrax. He also pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to mail eight of the hoax anthrax letters. He acknowledged sending 15 hoax anthrax letters between March 6 and April 5, 2010. He also pleaded guilty to mailing another eight letters containing white powder April 24, 2010, and to conspiring with another man to mail those letters. His co-defendant pleaded guilty last year to the conspiracy charge. The U.S. Postal Inspection Service, the FBI, the Federal Protective Service, and the Talladega County Sheriff's Office investigated the case. An assistant U.S. attorney prosecuted the case. Source: [http://media-newswire.com/release\\_1156471.html](http://media-newswire.com/release_1156471.html)

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## **PUBLIC HEALTH**

**FDA: Stop using bracco heart scan drug because of radiation concerns.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) July 26 warned doctors to stop using the radioactive drug CardioGen-82 in heart scans because of the potential for increased radiation exposure. The product is made by Bracco Diagnostics Inc. and is used in some positron emission tomography (PET) scans involving the heart to diagnose heart disease. The agency said the excess radiation is from strontium isotopes that may have been inadvertently injected into the patients due to a "strontium breakthrough" problem with CardioGen-82. Strontium is used to generate the active ingredient in CardioGen-82, rubidium. The company is voluntarily recalling the product, and has said it is working with the FDA and other regulatory authorities to investigate the problem. On July 15, FDA was investigating CardioGen-82 after the agency became aware of two patients who underwent PET imaging scans with CardioGen-82 and were found to have detectable levels of radiation several months later. The estimated amount of excess radiation the two patients received is similar to that other patients may receive with cumulative exposure to certain other types of heart scans. The FDA said it believes "that the risk of harm from this exposure is minimal, although any unnecessary exposure to radiation is undesirable." The total number of patients who might have been exposed to excess radiation is currently unknown. Source: <http://www.nasdaq.com/aspx/stock-market-news-story.aspx?storyid=201107261303dowjonesdionline000348&title=fdastop-using-bracco-heart-scan-drug-because-of-radiation-concerns>

**(Texas) Texas Planned Parenthood clinic attacked with molotov cocktail.** A McKinney, Texas, Planned Parenthood clinic was attacked with a Molotov cocktail July 26, causing a small fire at the entrance of the building. Planned Parenthood official said it caused "serious damage" to the facility. A spokesperson for the Planned Parenthood Federation of America told HuffPost that Planned Parenthood locations around the country have experienced similar attacks over the years because of the organization's association with abortion. A clinic in Raleigh, North Carolina, was vandalized earlier in July with the spray-painted message, "you shall not murder." According to the most recent statistics from the National Abortion Federation, there were a total of 96 incidences of violence — including murder, death threats, vandalism, arson and bombing — against U.S. and Canadian abortion clinics in 2010. Source: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/07/28/texas-planned-parenthood- n\\_912710.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/07/28/texas-planned-parenthood- n_912710.html)

**Veterans Health Administration has gaps in managing its contracts with medical schools.** According to a new report from the Veterans Affairs (VA) Office of Inspector General (IG) the Veterans Health Administration's (VHA) management problems with contracts with affiliated medical institutions and providers resulted in missed opportunities for saving up to \$174 million from 2006 to 2010, and cutting costs by up to 31 percent on those services. The contracting problems include lack of acquisition planning, contracting officers unable to fulfill their responsibilities, requirements and duties not clearly defined, and interim contracting authority misused. The VHA has had numerous difficulties implementing requirements of VA Directive

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1663 issued in 2005 covering such contracts, the July 21 IG's report said. The problems include insufficient management resources, gaps in training, ongoing poor planning, problematic use of pricing data, and continued concern about conflicts of interest. Under the law, the VHA has authority to enter into sole-source contracts with affiliated academic institutions and teaching hospitals to help train professionals in VA facilities. Source:

<http://fcw.com/articles/2011/07/25/vha-has-many-problems-in-its-contracts-with-medical-schools-oig-says.aspx>

### **TRANSPORTATION**

**(New Hampshire) Fear of collapse prompts Memorial Bridge closure.** Fearing a collapse similar to the one in Minnesota 4 years ago, state officials said they had no choice but to permanently close the rusty, hole-ridden Memorial Bridge in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. The Memorial Bridge that connects Portsmouth to Badger's Island in Kittery, Maine, is the same type of bridge as the bridge in Minneapolis that collapsed during rush hour in 2007, killing 13 people. In the end, what convinced officials the bridge was no longer safe was "the accelerated rusting and deterioration" of 10 critical gusset plates, the same key components whose failure caused the Minnesota collapse. The poor conditions were discovered during a routine quarterly inspection of the 88-year-old bridge, July 26 and 27. The decision to close the bridge was immediate. The Maine Department of Transportation also signed off on the decision. The bridge was already slated for replacement beginning next July, but now that process will be sped up a bit. Alternate routes for crossing from New Hampshire to Maine by car include the Sarah Mildred Long Bridge (Route 1 Bypass), and the I-95 bridge. Source: <http://portsmouth-nh.patch.com/articles/fear-of-collapse-prompts-bridge-closure>

### **WATER AND DAMS**

**(Oklahoma) Contaminant found in Duncan water wells.** Of the 40 water wells tested in Duncan, Oklahoma, about 18 showed high levels of ammonium perchlorate, the Oklahoma City Oklahoman reported July 28. While the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency considered proposing a regulatory drinking water limit, one expert said a level of 16 parts per billion (ppb) is considered significant. One of the wells tested at 194 ppb, while another contained nearly 30,000 ppb of the contaminant. Oil and gas industry service provider Halliburton Company issued a statement and admitted it probably contributed to the contamination when the company removed and burned spent missile fuel contained in missile casings. The government contract work began in the 1960s and ended in 1991 on Duncan's north side, where the contaminated wells are located. Source: <http://newsok.com/contaminant-found-in-duncan-water-wells/article/3589399>

**(California) Chromium 6 limit in water goal set by Calif. EPA.** The California Environmental Protection Agency released the nation's first standard for limiting chromium-6 in drinking water, the San Francisco Chronicle reported July 28. The agency set a public health goal for chromium-6 at 0.02 parts per billion (ppb). The state's department of public health planned to use the goal to help create a legally enforceable limit on the cancer-causing chemical in drinking

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water. The acting director of the agency's office of environmental health hazard assessment said the goal "is the culmination of years of study and research on the health effects of this chemical. As the nation's first official goal for this contaminant, it will be an important tool" to develop a regulatory standard. Source: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/07/27/BA811KFUGE.DTL>

### **NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY CONTACTS**

To report a homeland security incident, please contact your local law enforcement agency or one of these agencies: **North Dakota State and Local Intelligence Center: 866-885-8295(IN ND ONLY); Email: [ndslic@nd.gov](mailto:ndslic@nd.gov); Fax: 701-328-8175 State Radio: 800-472-2121; Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI): 701-328-5500; North Dakota Highway Patrol: 701-328-2455; US Attorney's Office Intel Analyst: 701-297-7400; Bismarck FBI: 701-223-4875; Fargo FBI: 701-232-7241.**

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