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# NORTH DAKOTA HOMELAND SECURITY ANTI-TERRORISM SUMMARY



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### **NORTH DAKOTA**

**Victim identified in death at North Dakota oil rig.** Officials are investigating an incident at an oil rig in northwestern North Dakota that killed a worker May 25 when a payloader backed over him. Source: <http://www.ktbs.com/story/22444250/victim-identified-in-death-at-northdakota-oil-rig>

**Evacuated residents of N.D. city to return Friday.** City officials in Cavalier reported that the threat to the town from the possible failure of the Renwick Dam eased enough to allow most of its 1300 evacuees to return May 24. Source: [http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/evacuated-residents-of-n-d-city-to-return-friday/article\\_e00df606-84bc-53bc-a3aa-0c612e3d28ce.html](http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/evacuated-residents-of-n-d-city-to-return-friday/article_e00df606-84bc-53bc-a3aa-0c612e3d28ce.html)

### **REGIONAL**

**(Minnesota) 911 service disrupted in northern St. Louis County.** A fiber optic line cut in St. Louis County left six areas without long distance and 9-1-1 emergency services with an unknown time for service restoration. Fire departments added staff for in-person emergencies and recommended those in emergencies use their cell phone or contact other posted local numbers. Source:

<http://www.duluthnewtribune.com/event/article/id/268016/group/homepage/>

**(Minnesota) Thieves likely targeting copper, steal fiber optic cable.** Thieves that hit an Olmsted County cell tower cut through two spools of fiber optic cable, stole expensive rope, and caused an estimated \$100,000 worth of damage between May 20 and May 21. Source:

<http://www.kttc.com/story/22394245/2013/05/22/thieves-likely-targeting-copper-steal-fiber-optic-cable>

**(Montana; Idaho) U.S. Forest Service drops plans to use drones in Montana, north Idaho.** Due to a lengthy approval process with the Federal Aviation Administration, the U.S. Forest Service dropped plans to use unmanned aerial systems to survey forest fires in Montana and north Idaho after they determined it would not be possible to fly a drone in visual range of its pilot if it was flying into a smoke column too thick to see through. Source:

[http://missoulian.com/news/state-and-regional/u-s-forest-service-drops-plansto-use-drones/article\\_5d2a4c6e-c5b4-11e2-a357-001a4bcf887a.html](http://missoulian.com/news/state-and-regional/u-s-forest-service-drops-plansto-use-drones/article_5d2a4c6e-c5b4-11e2-a357-001a4bcf887a.html)

**(South Dakota; Wyoming) US Forest Service says pine beetles make falling trees a danger in Black Hills National Forest.** Officials are warning the public of the danger of falling trees in the Black Hills National Forest of western South Dakota and northeastern Wyoming due to mountain pine beetles killing pine trees on hundreds of thousands of acres causing them to decay and tumble. Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/c0d2d12996824b65b40de9fb278713b3/SD--Falling-Trees-Warning>

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### **NATIONAL**

**(New York; Washington, D.C.) Letters to NYC mayor contained ricin.** Two letters addressed to the New York City mayor were found at a Manhattan mail facility and at the mayor's nonprofit Washington, D.C. gun-control group's office. Preliminary testing indicated the presence of ricin in both letters and the threats are believed to be connected to the mayor's stance on gun-control laws. Source: <http://news.msn.com/us/letters-to-nyc-mayor-bloomberg-contained-ricin>

### **INTERNATIONAL**

**Deadly MERS-CoV virus spreads to Italy.** The sometimes deadly MERS-CoV virus has spread to Italy, the World Health Organization said in statements this weekend. Source: [http://edition.cnn.com/2013/06/02/health/world-mers-coronavirus/index.html?hpt=hp\\_t3](http://edition.cnn.com/2013/06/02/health/world-mers-coronavirus/index.html?hpt=hp_t3)

**2nd man appears in London court over soldier's killing.** A 28-year-old man appeared in court Monday after he became the second person to be charged with murder over the death of British soldier Lee Rigby last month on a London street. Source: [http://edition.cnn.com/2013/06/03/world/europe/london-attack/index.html?hpt=hp\\_t3](http://edition.cnn.com/2013/06/03/world/europe/london-attack/index.html?hpt=hp_t3)

Refer to **Food and Agriculture** section, Item #1 for related information

### **BANKING AND FINANCE INDUSTRY**

**PayPal vulnerable to cross-site scripting again.** A student in Germany disclosed a cross-site scripting (XSS) vulnerability in PayPal's German language version of the site. Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/PayPal-vulnerable-to-cross-site-scripting-again-1871763.html>

**Researchers warn of increased Zeus malware activity this year.** Researchers from Trend Micro warned that activity associated with the Zeus/ZBot financial malware has increased in recent months, with new Zeus variants and capabilities. Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2013/052413-researchers-warn-of-increased-zeus-270142.html>

**U.S. government seizes LibertyReserve.com.** U.S. law enforcement authorities seized virtual currency provider Liberty Reserve and filed charges against its founder and five others for allegedly facilitating money laundering and other criminal activity totaling \$6 billion. Source: <http://krebsonsecurity.com/2013/05/u-s-government-seizes-libertyreserve-com/>

### **CHEMICAL AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SECTOR**

Nothing Significant to Report

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## **COMMERCIAL FACILITIES**

**(California) Disneyland's Toontown evacuated after explosion.** The Anaheim Police Department reported a small explosion from an apparent dry ice bomb May 28 that forced them to evacuate the Toontown area of Disneyland for 2 hours and were investigating the event's ties to a recent string of similar incidents. Source: <http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-0529-disney-explosion-20130529,0,4347205.story>

**Event ticketing company hacked, at least tens of thousands affected.** Online ticketing company Vendini was the victim of a server attack that exposed tens of thousands of users' credit card information, names, addresses, and email addresses. Source: <http://www.scmagazine.com/event-ticketing-company-hacked-at-least-tens-of-thousands-affected/article/294677/>

## **COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR**

**Cell phone carriers must notify customer if they can't deliver a 911 emergency alert via text message.** The Federal Communications Commission reported May 29 that the four largest commercial mobile radio service providers have agreed to send an instantaneous "bounce back" message to users when an emergency text message sent to 9-1-1 is not received by the intended emergency services. The rule which also will include providers of software applications will become effective June 28 and is part of the transition to Next Generation 911, permitting text-to-911 services. Source: [http://www.gsnmagazine.com/node/29806?c=disaster\\_preparedness\\_emergency\\_response](http://www.gsnmagazine.com/node/29806?c=disaster_preparedness_emergency_response)

**FCC: Company will pay \$16 million over possible misuse of Federal Disability Fund.** May 29, the Federal Communications Commission announced a settlement with Sorenson Communications Inc., a provider of internet-based telecommunications services for deaf and hard-of-hearing customers, of \$15.75 million after an investigation into their use of the federal Telecommunications Relay Service Fund suggested the company used improper billing practices. Source: <http://www.bna.com/fcc-company-pay-n17179874235/>

## **CRITICAL MANUFACTURING**

**GM recalls some 2013 Cadillac SRX crossovers; wheel nuts may loosen.** General Motors announced the recall of around 19,000 model year 2013 Cadillac SRX vehicles equipped with 18-inch wheels due to the possibility of wheel nuts becoming loosened. Source: <http://www.latimes.com/business/autos/la-fi-hy-gm-caddy-srx-recall-20130523,0,2539860.story>

**Feds slam hacker-friendly backdoors in jalopy, grub factories.** The Industrial Control Systems Cyber Emergency Response Team (ICS-CERT) released an advisory outlining a security vulnerability in Turck BL20 and BL67 Programmable Gateways because they contain hard-coded backdoors that permit remote access. The devices are used in various manufacturing,

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agricultural, and food processing applications. Source:

[http://www.theregister.co.uk/2013/05/24/turck\\_industrial\\_control\\_backdoor/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2013/05/24/turck_industrial_control_backdoor/)

### **DEFENSE/ INDUSTRY BASE SECTOR**

**Chinese hackers breach top weapons designs.** According to a report prepared by the Defense Science Board, Chinese hackers have gained access to the designs of many of the United States most sensitive advanced weapons systems. Source:

<http://www.defensenews.com/article/20130528/DEFREG02/305280015/Report-Chinese-Hackers-Breach-Top-Weapons-Designs>

### **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**(New York) NYC's new 911 system crashes twice in 2 days: Police commissioner.** New York City's updated 9-1-1 computer system crashed twice in its first 2 days of operation causing operators to write emergencies on pieces of paper to run to dispatcher after hundreds of computer screens were shut down. The disruptions each only lasted a few minutes but caused computers at the main call center in Brooklyn to shut down, as well as satellite terminals in others rooms where dispatchers determine where to send emergency responders. Source:

<http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/Emergency-911-System-New-York-City-Crash-Computer-Police-Dispatch-209485851.html>

### **ENERGY**

Refer to **North Dakota** Section, Item #1 for related information

### **FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

**Japan suspends U.S. wheat purchases after GMO discovery.** Japan has canceled its tender to buy U.S. white wheat after the discovery of a test strain of Monsanto Company's genetically modified wheat were found on an Oregon wheat farmer's land. Japan is the largest international buyer of U.S. wheat. Source:

<http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/05/japan-suspends-u-s-wheat-purchases-after-gmo-discovery/#.UaiQi0Ckr44>

**Multistate E. coli outbreak linked to frozen products over, CDC says.** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced May 30 the E. coli outbreak linked to the Rich Corporation's frozen food products that sickened 35 people in 19 States appears to be over, and urged consumers to discard any frozen products that remain in their households. Source:

<http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/05/cdc-declares-farm-rich-e-coli-outbreak-over/#.UaiNi0Ckr44>

**(Oregon) Non-approved strain of genetically engineered wheat found in Oregon.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture is investigating how a non-approved strain of genetically engineered wheat ended up in an Oregon field and whether there was any criminal wrongdoing and if the

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growth may be widespread. A potential growth in non-approved genetically engineered wheat could pose a threat to trade with countries that have concerns about genetically modified foods. Source: <http://science.nbcnews.com/news/2013/05/29/18590957-non-approved-strain-of-genetically-engineered-wheat-found-in-oregon?lite>

**Cold smoked salmon recalled in ten states for Listeria.** Salmolux voluntarily recalled about 4,930 pounds of their various cold smoked salmon products over concerns about Listeria monocytogenes. A routine sampling determined the finished products contained the bacteria. Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2013/05/cold-smoked-salmon-recalled-forlisteria/#.UaSXPECKr44>

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

**(Michigan) Turkish hackers deface website of Michigan state capital, leak data.** A Turkish hacktivist group breached the official Web site of the City of Lansing and leaked a 5.8MB archive file containing usernames and personal information stolen from the organization's databases. Administrators have since removed the defaced page. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Turkish-Hackers-Deface-Website-of-Michigan-State-Capital-Leak-Data-356666.shtml>

**(Oregon) Teen had 'detailed checklist' for Columbine-style school attack.** A student from West Albany High School in Oregon was arrested May 23 after police received a tip that he was planning an attack on the school and had produced a bomb. Authorities found 6 homemade bombs and diagrams of the school at his home, which led officials to the conclusion that the student was planning a massacre-style attack. Source: <http://news.msn.com/crime-justice/teen-had-detailed-checklist-for-columbinestyle-school-attack>

### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

**Apache server bug allows remote code execution.** A vulnerability in Apache HTTP Server which can allow attackers to compromise systems and execute arbitrary commands was disclosed by Secunia. A patch is available that closes the vulnerability. Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=14978>

**Attackers use Skype, other IM apps to spread Liftho trojan.** The Liftho trojan is being spread via shortened links in Skype instant messages, with malicious links being clicked more than 170,000 times, according to Symantec researchers. Source: <http://www.scmagazine.com/attackers-use-skype-other-im-apps-tospread-liftho-trojan/article/294860/>

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### **NATIONAL MONUMENTS AND ICONS**

(Arizona) **Large Ariz. wildfire is 90 percent contained.** Firefighters reached 90 percent containment May 22 of the Island Lake Fire that burned through roughly 3,200 acres on both sides of the Colorado River in the Imperial National Wildlife Refuge and Picacho State Recreation Area. Officials said although the fire was nearly contained, vegetation pockets could still ignite. Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/news/10947963/large-ariz-wildland-fire-is-90-percent-contained>

### **POSTAL AND SHIPPING**

Nothing Significant to Report

### **PUBLIC HEALTH**

Refer to ***International*** Section, Item #1 for related information

### **TRANSPORTATION**

(Oregon) **Passenger on flight from Alaska restrained after trying to open emergency exit.** A man attempted to open an emergency exit door on a flight from Anchorage to Portland at an altitude of 10,000 feet and about 10 minutes before the flight was scheduled to land. He was subdued by passengers and arrested by authorities. Source: <http://www.alaskadispatch.com/article/20130527/passenger-flight-alaskarestrained-after-trying-open-emergency-exit>

### **WATER AND DAMS**

Refer to ***North Dakota*** Section, Item #2 for related information

### **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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